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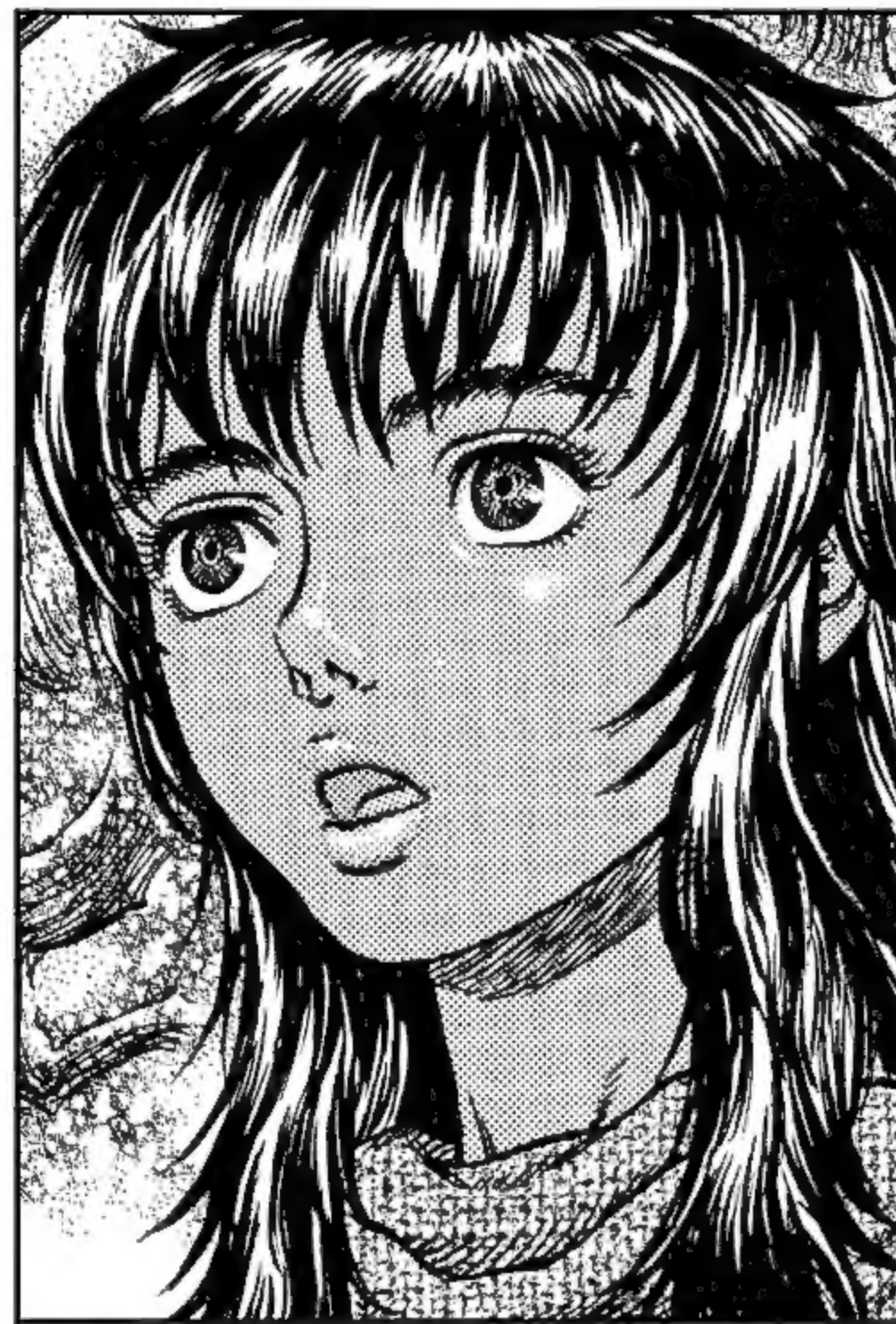


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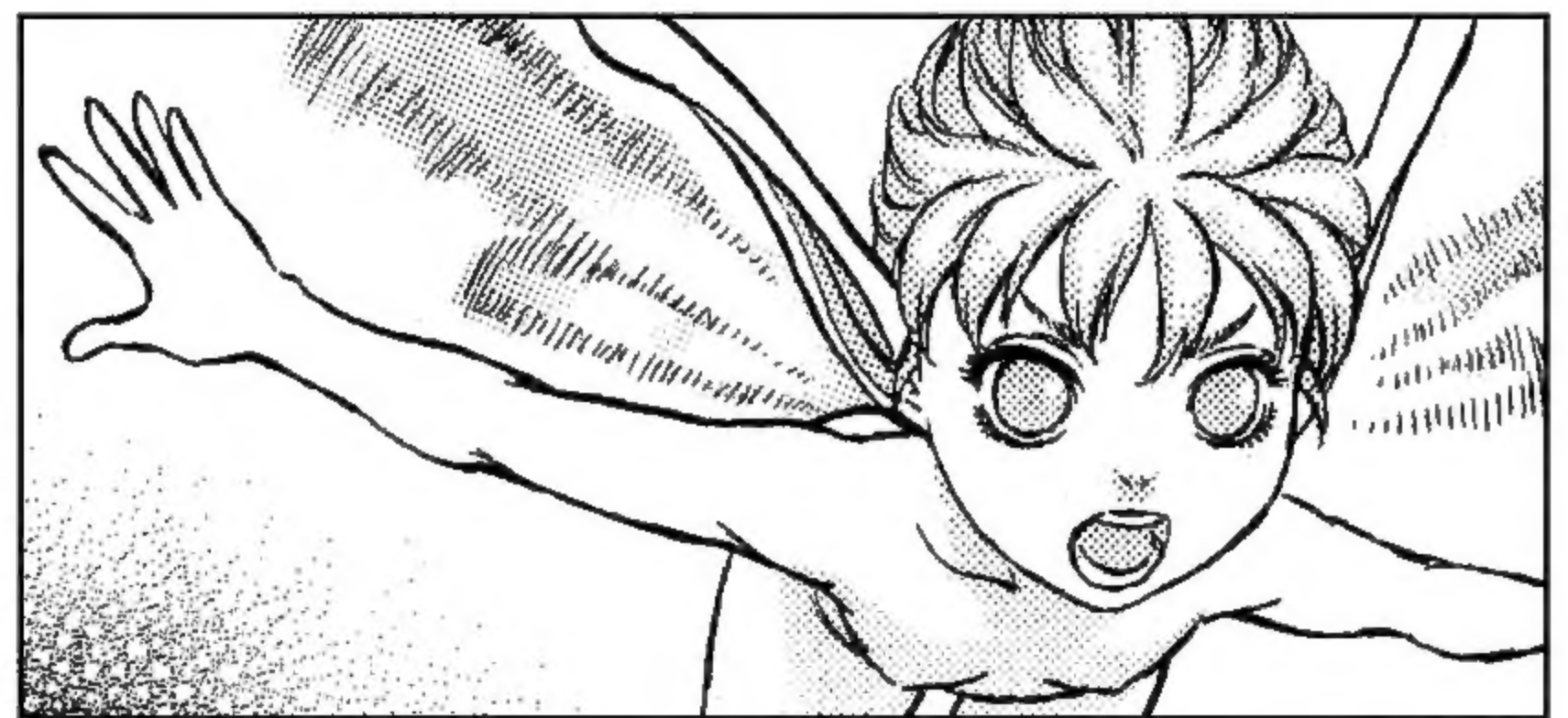
ガッツ *Guts*

The main character of the story, the Black Swordsman. He exists in the interstice, wears the Berserker armor, and his soul is constantly torn between protecting Casca and challenging Griffith. That struggle is nothing short of sublime.



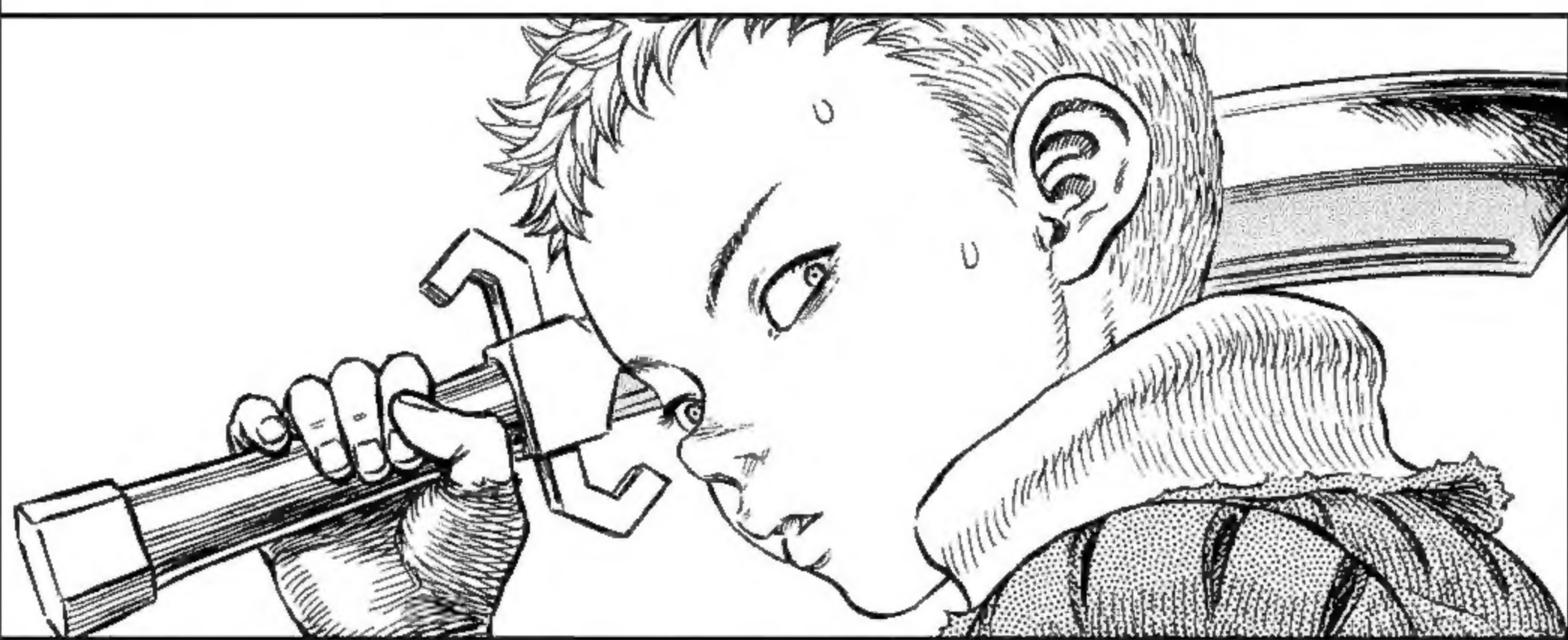
キャスカ *Casca*

Former unit commander of the Band of the Hawk; mentally regressed from her experience in the eclipse. She now neither speaks nor conveys any feelings. Her brand, which reacts to evil, is narrowly shielded by Flora's talisman.



パック *Puck*

An elf who's long been with Guts on his journeys. His dust has the power to heal wounds. He confirmed that he's a wind spirit, and he also changes into Chestnut Puck.



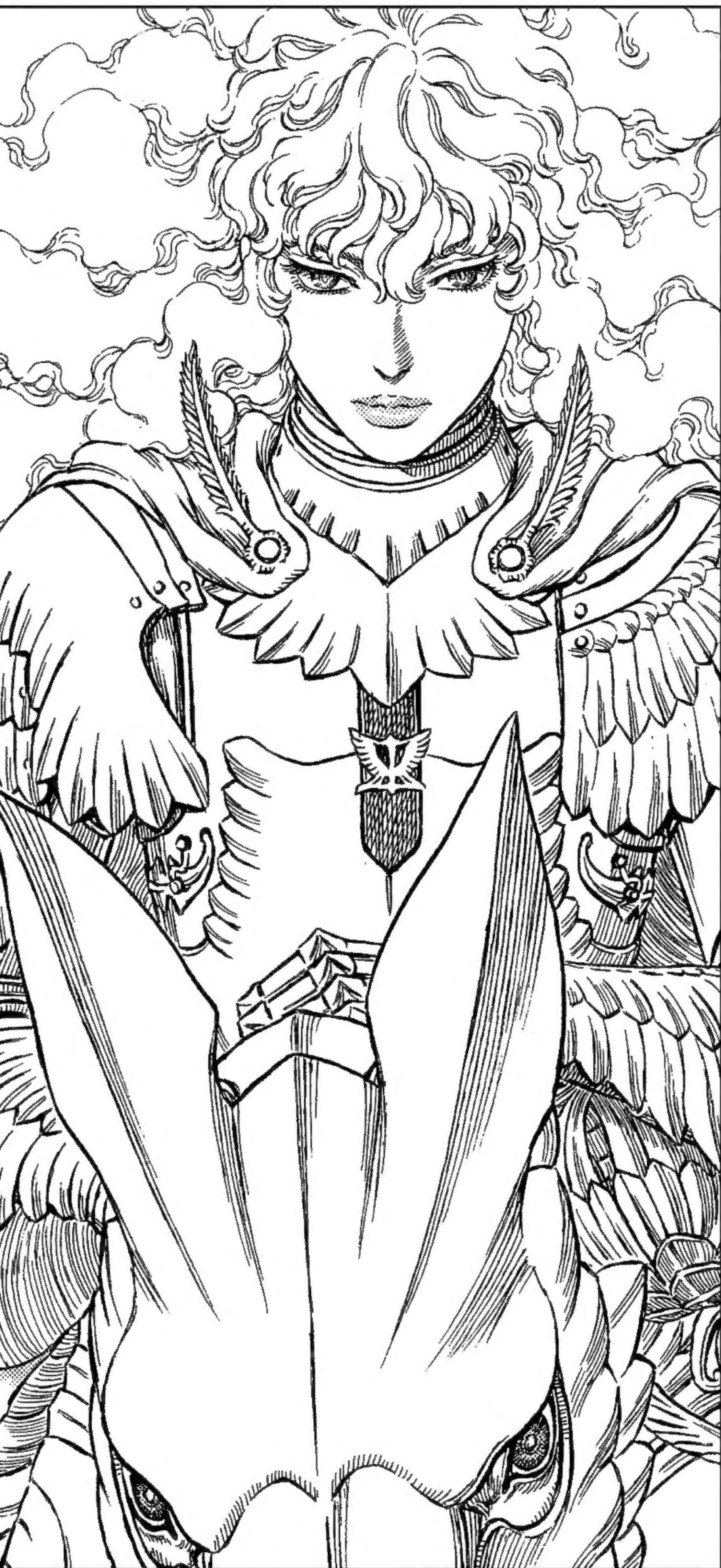
イシドロ *Isidro*

Dreams of being the "ultimate swordsman," but his actual talent, not up to snuff, repeatedly endangers him. Nevertheless, the boy endeavors toward his dream. He is currently equipped with a fetish granted the protection of fire elementals.



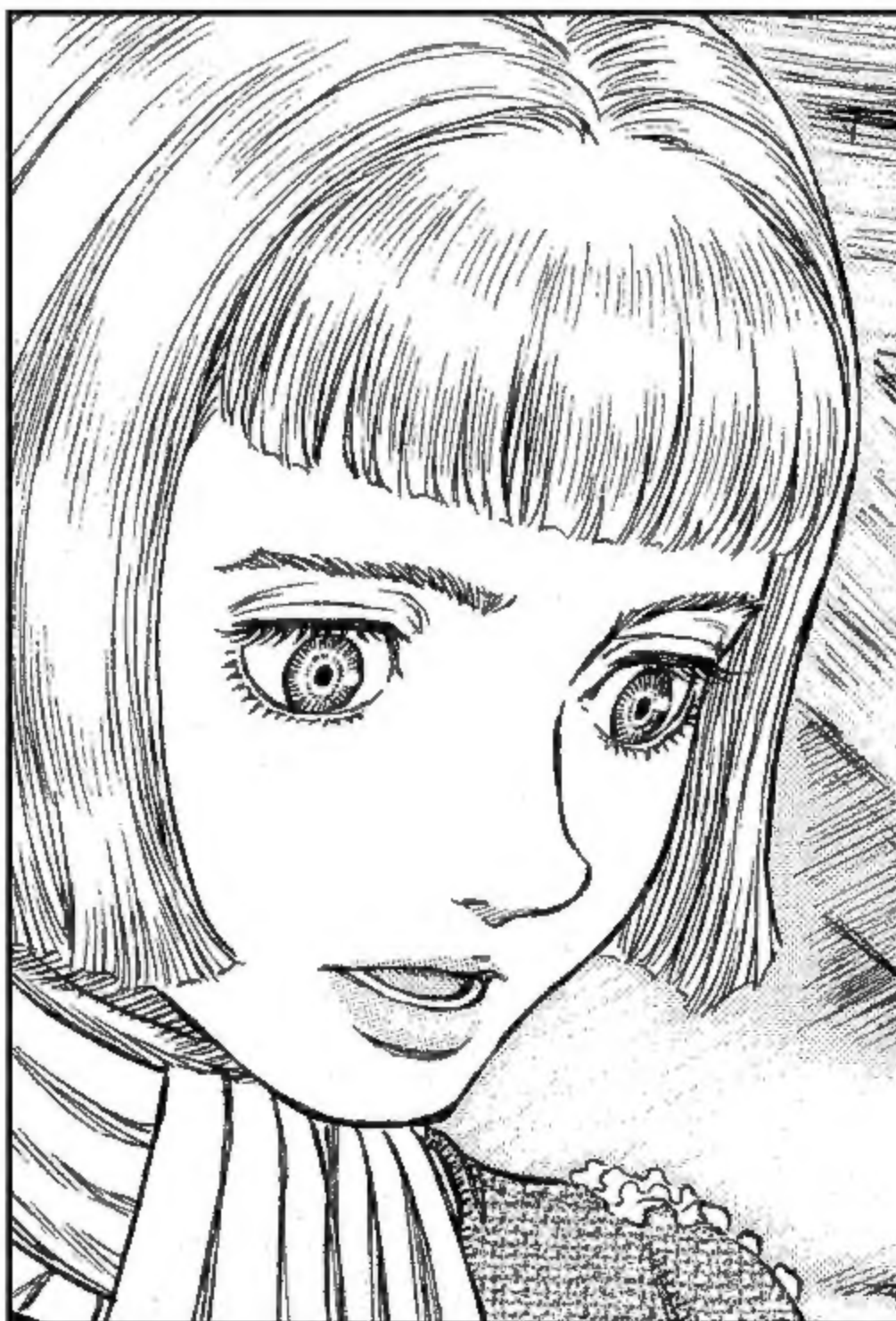
シールケ *Schierke*

Disciple of Flora, witch of the spirit tree mansion. She supports Guts and the others through her use of magic; however, among her spells are some beyond her mastery, which occasionally place her in great peril as she tries to aid her allies. She has a stilted side to her personality.



グリフィス *Griffith*

Through the eclipse of the Crimson Behelit, he was reborn as Femto of the Godhand. Later he was incarnated in the imitation eclipse catalyzed by the egg-shaped apostle, thus returning to the physical world, in which he became the "absolute," without equal. He leads the reborn Band of the Hawk.



ファルネーゼ

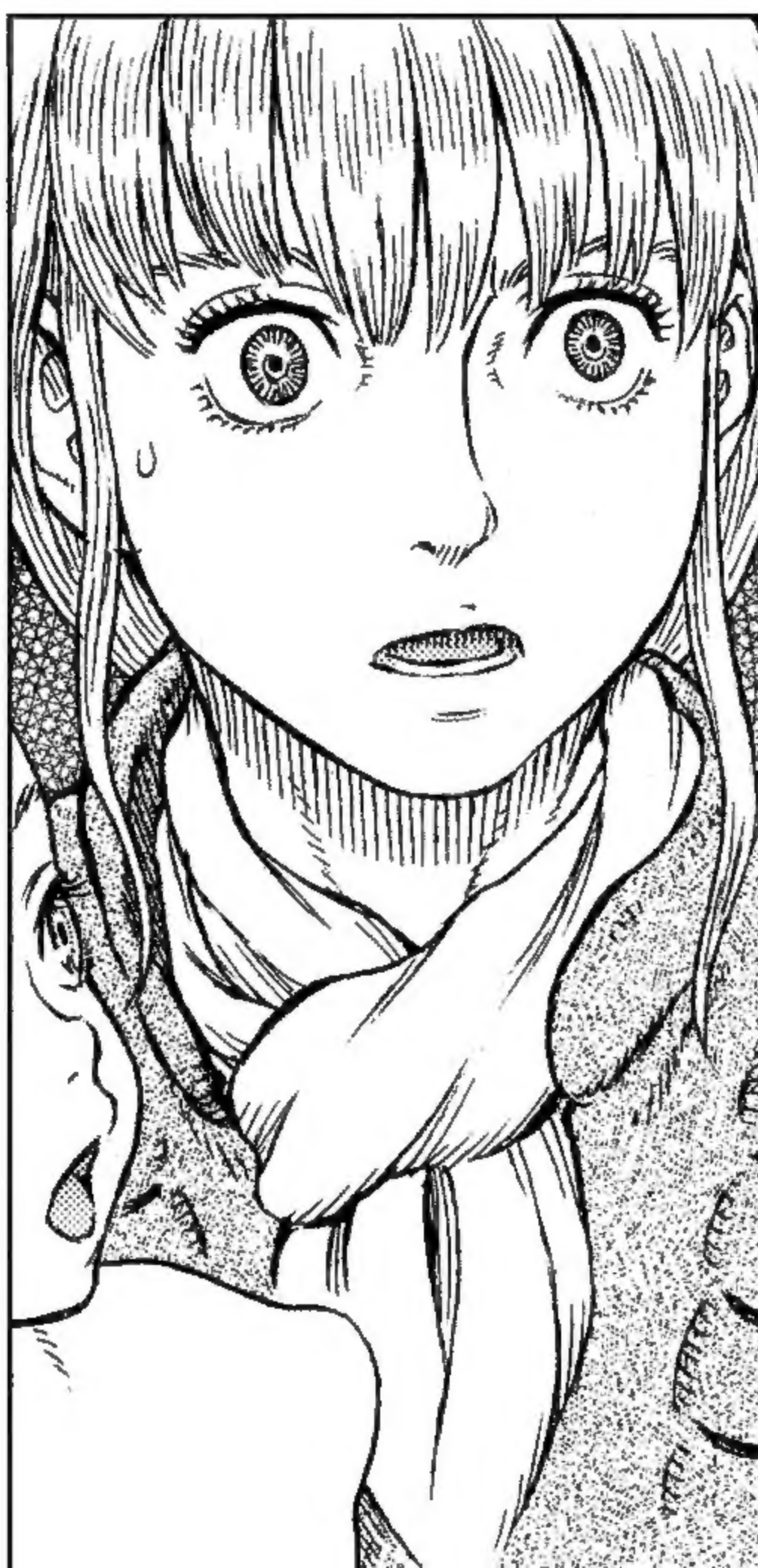
Farnese

Former commander of the Holy See's Holy Iron Chain Knights, and daughter of the Vandimion family, one of influential status and wealth in the religious sphere. She seeks to learn from Guts her own means of survival, and about the reality of the world.



セルピコ *Serpico*

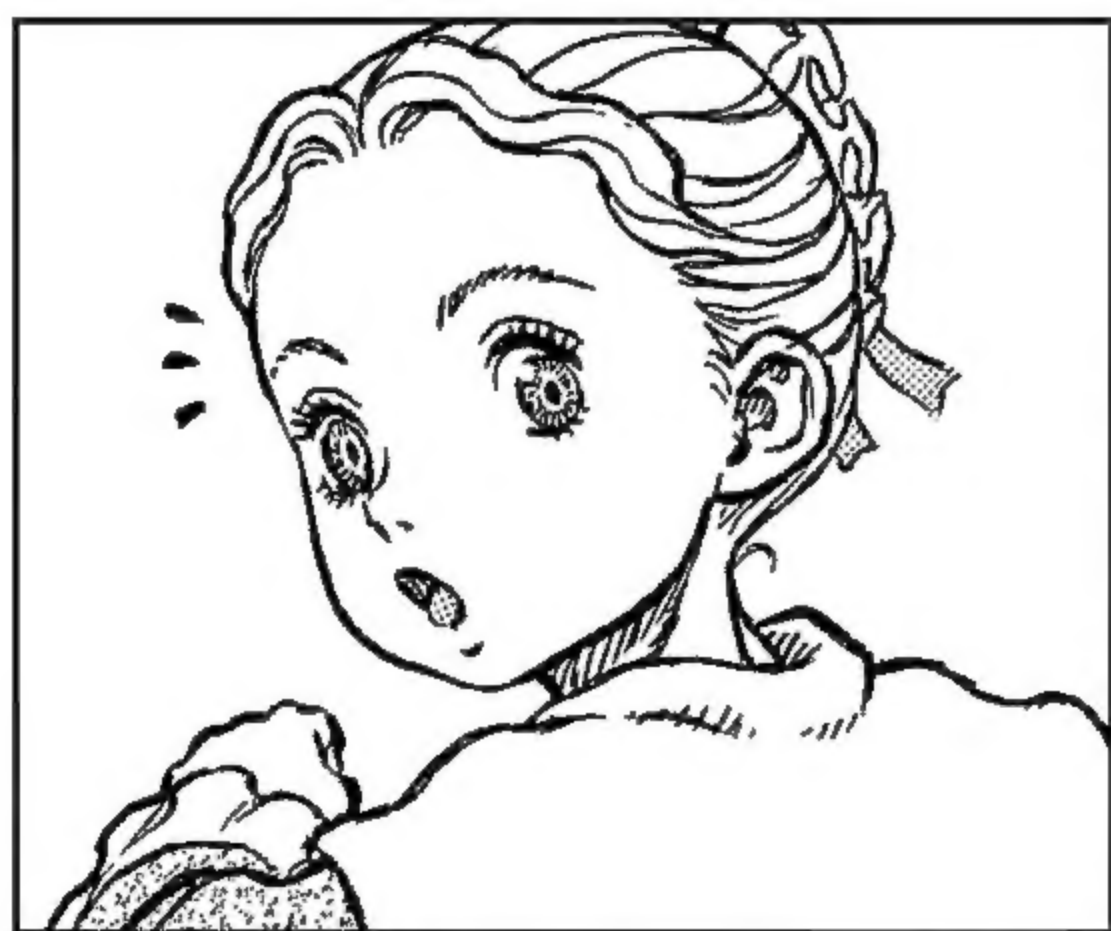
Attendant of Farnese, and actually her brother. However, Farnese is not aware of the blood relationship. He is skilled in fighting, and currently clad in a fetish granted the protection of wind elementals.



リッケルト

Rickert

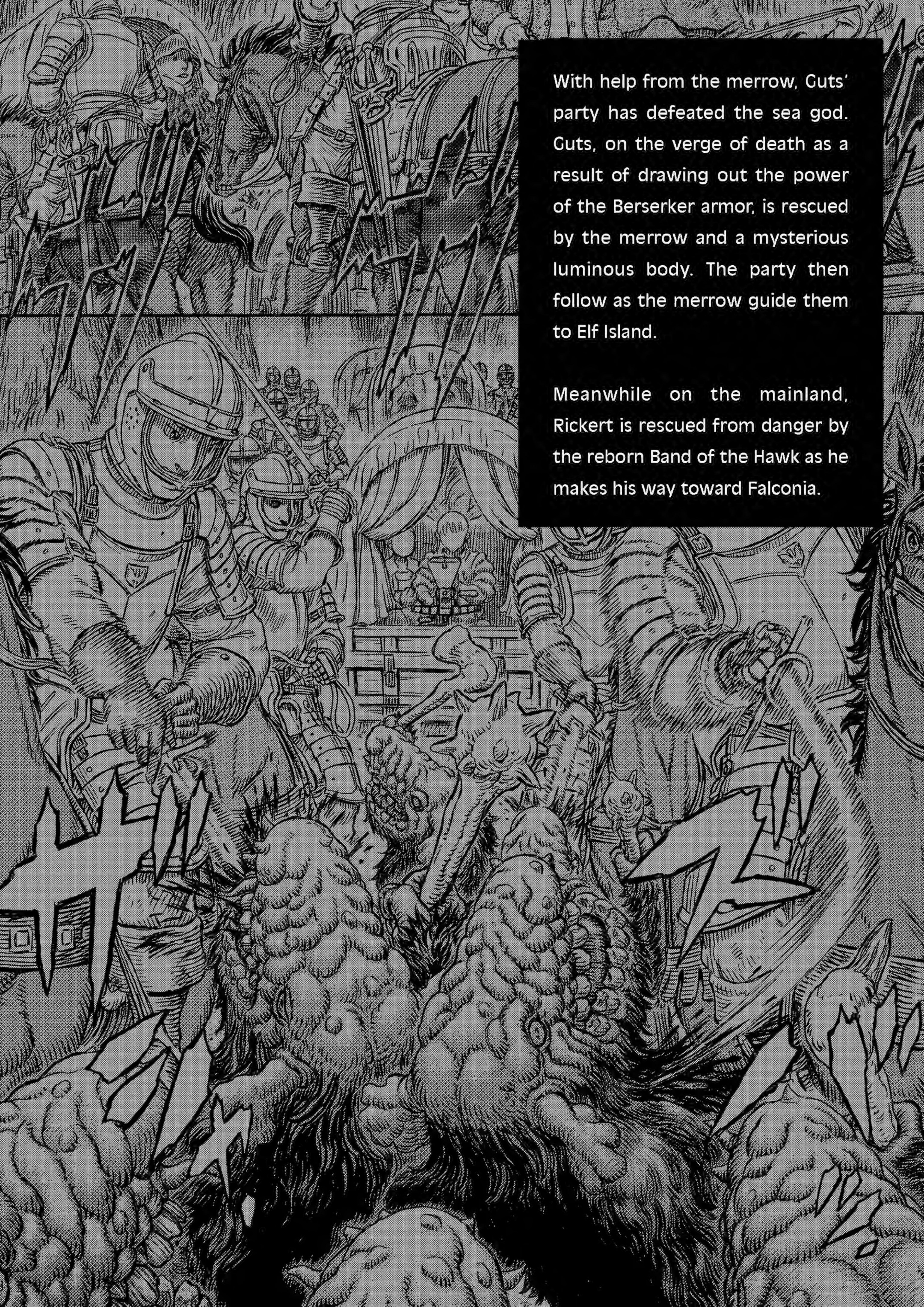
Captain of the naval vessel *Seahorse* and third in line to the royal throne of Ith, a maritime power within the domain of the Holy See. He is a friend of Farnese's brother and has become her fiancé. He is currently taking Guts and the others to Skellig Island, where the Elfhelm is located.



エリカ

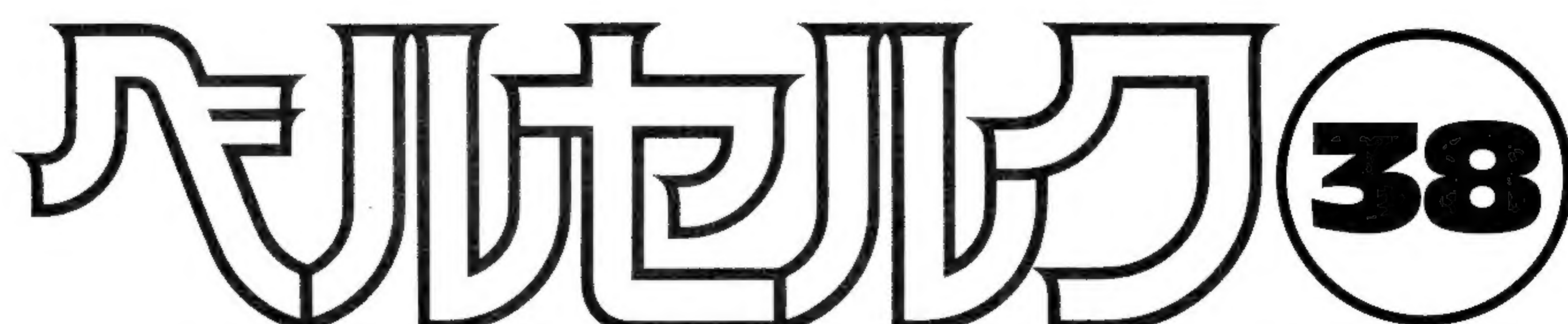
Erica

A girl who was living with Godo. She was originally a war orphan, but she loves Godo like he's her actual father rather than adoptive. Currently she's Rickert's companion.



With help from the merrow, Guts' party has defeated the sea god. Guts, on the verge of death as a result of drawing out the power of the Berserker armor, is rescued by the merrow and a mysterious luminous body. The party then follow as the merrow guide them to Elf Island.

Meanwhile on the mainland, Rickert is rescued from danger by the reborn Band of the Hawk as he makes his way toward Falconia.



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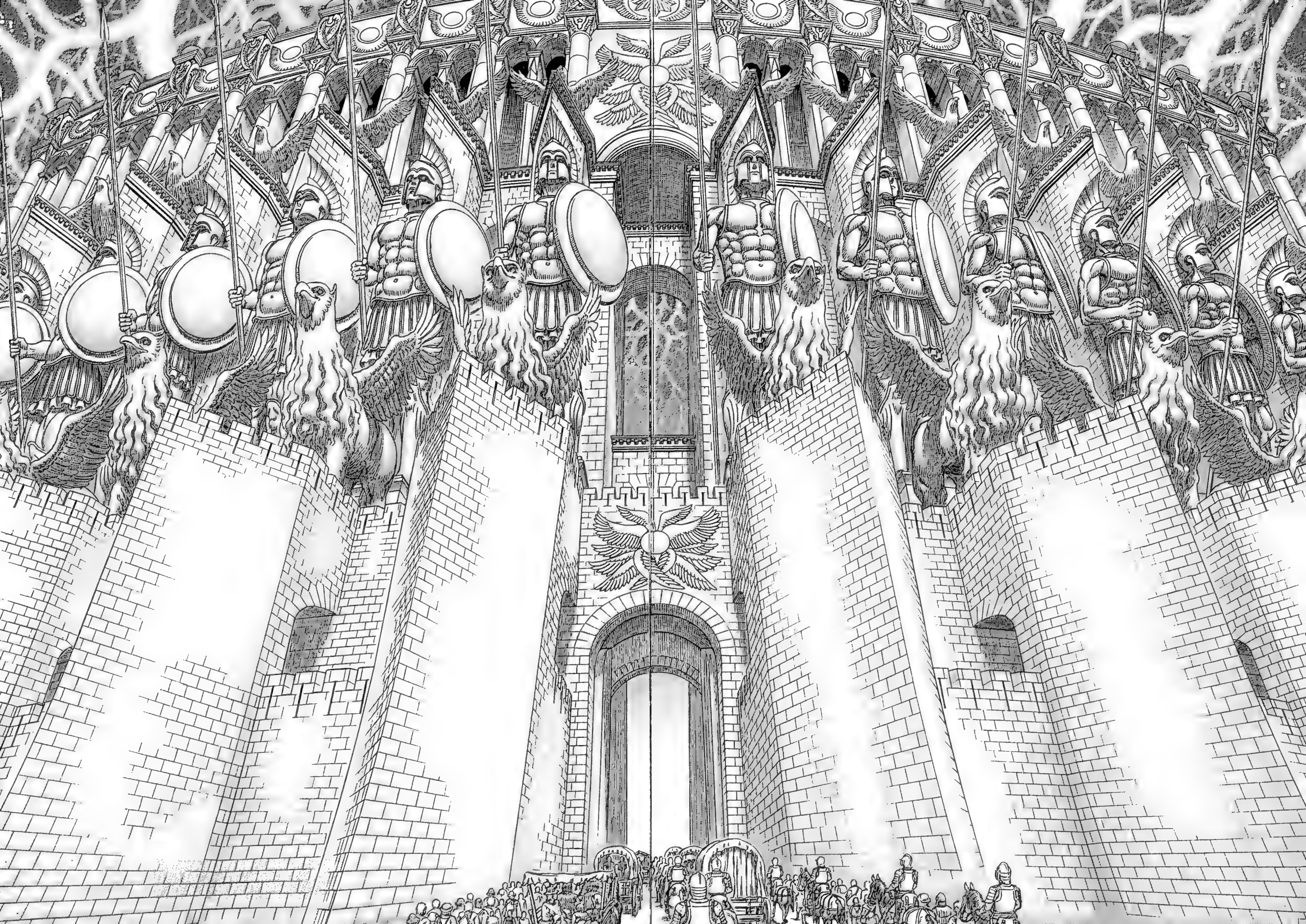
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幻造世界ファンタジア／篇／妖精島の章

人の都

CITY OF MEN







OH,
UH...
NO...

YOU LIVED
IN AN
INCREDIBLE
PLACE
LIKE *THIS*.
RICKERT?
LUCKY
YOU.

WHAT
IS ALL
THIS?

G-
GEN-
ERAL.

WOWWW...
A WHOLE
CASTLE
COULD FIT
THROUGH
THIS
GATE.

A-
AMA-
ZING.

HA
HA...
I CAN'T
BLAME YOU.
IF YOU'RE
USED TO
THE OLD
CAPITAL.



...WHAT
HAPPENED
TO THE
WORLD
THAT
DAY.

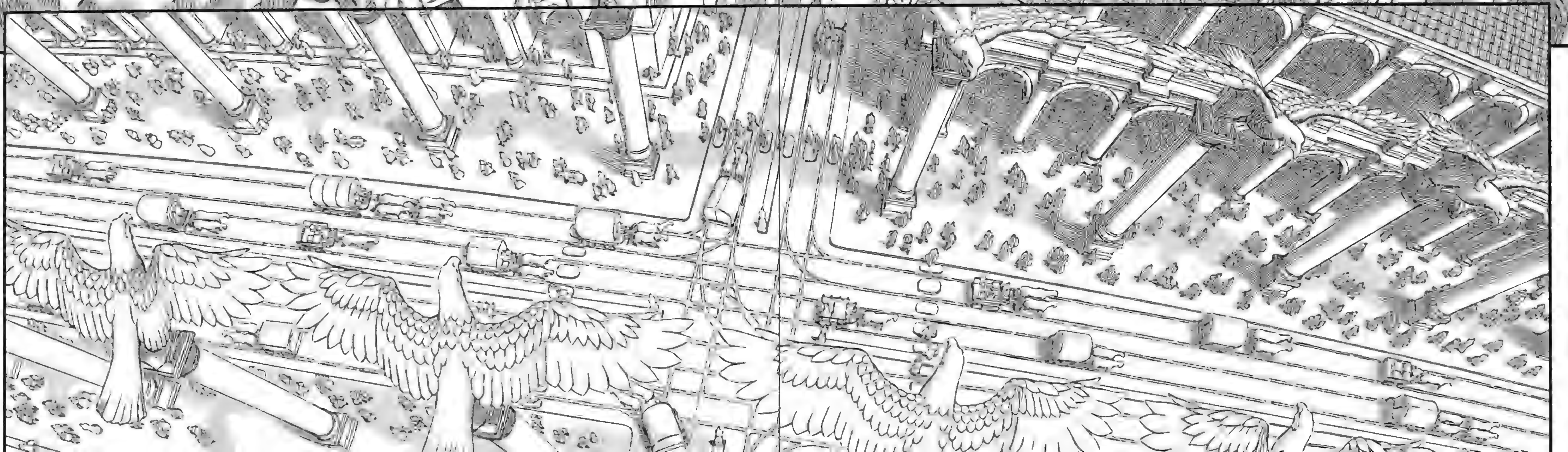
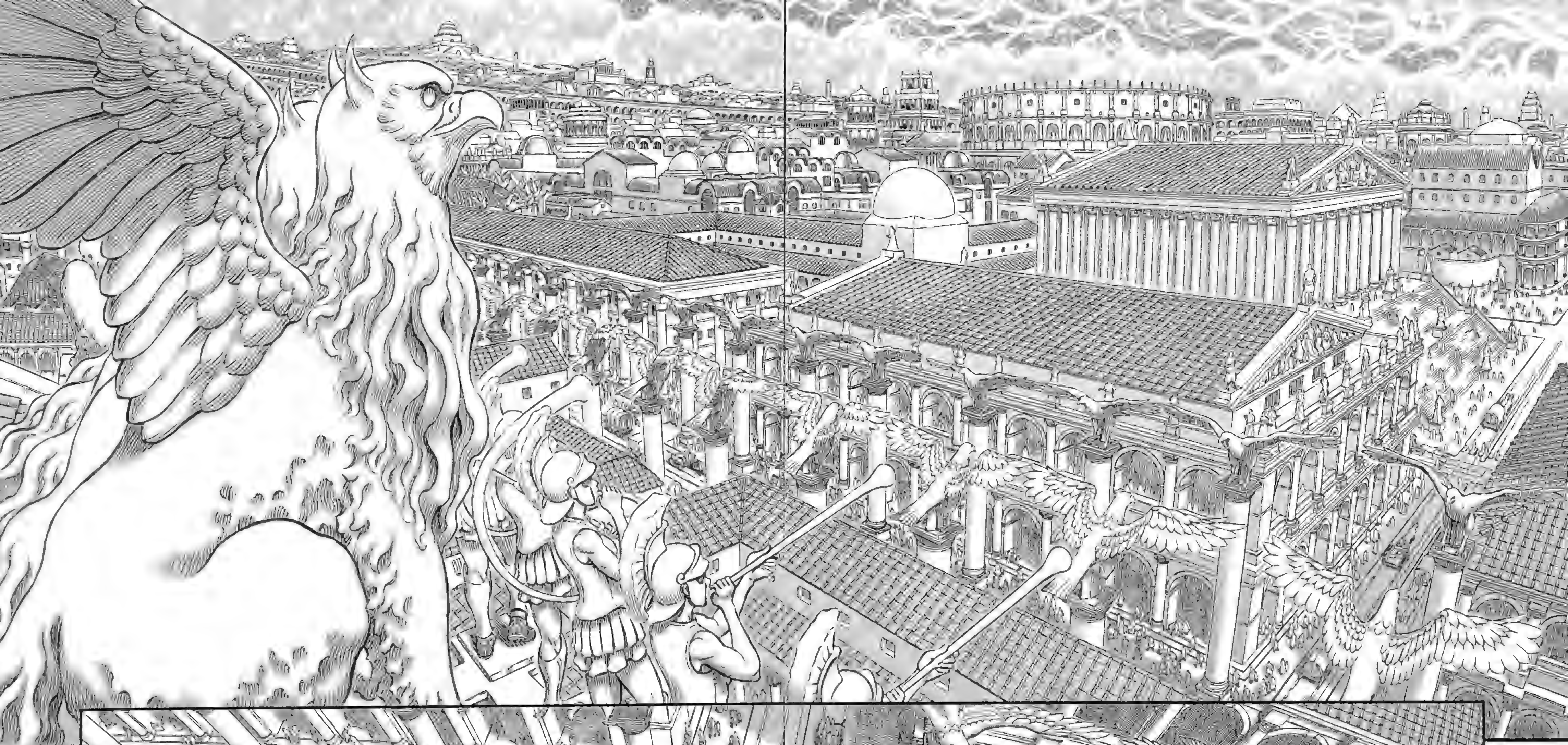
BUT
IT'S NOT
SOMETHING
I CAN
EXPLAIN.
IT'S
BEYOND MY
UNDER-
STANDING
AS
WELL...



...WAS
REBORN.

...THIS
ROYAL
CAPITAL...

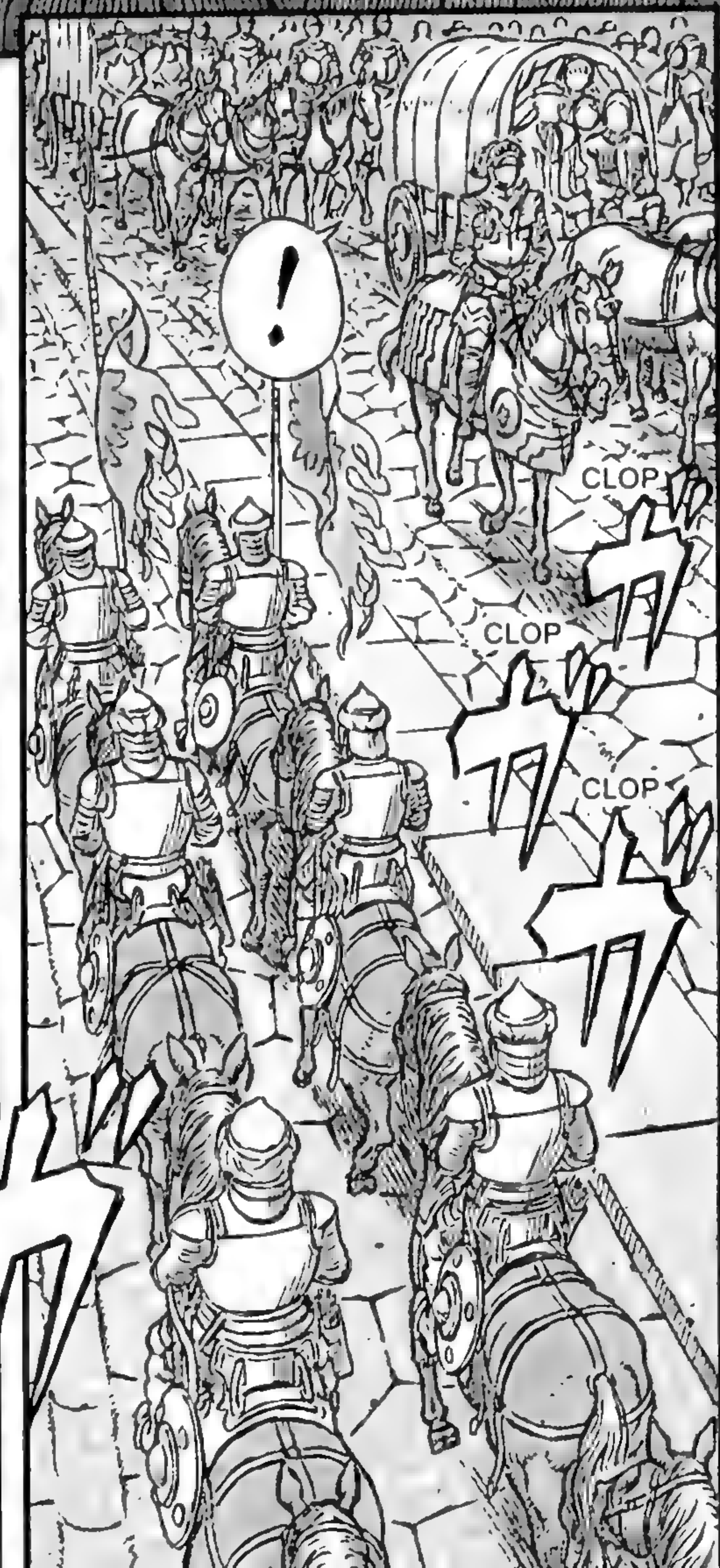
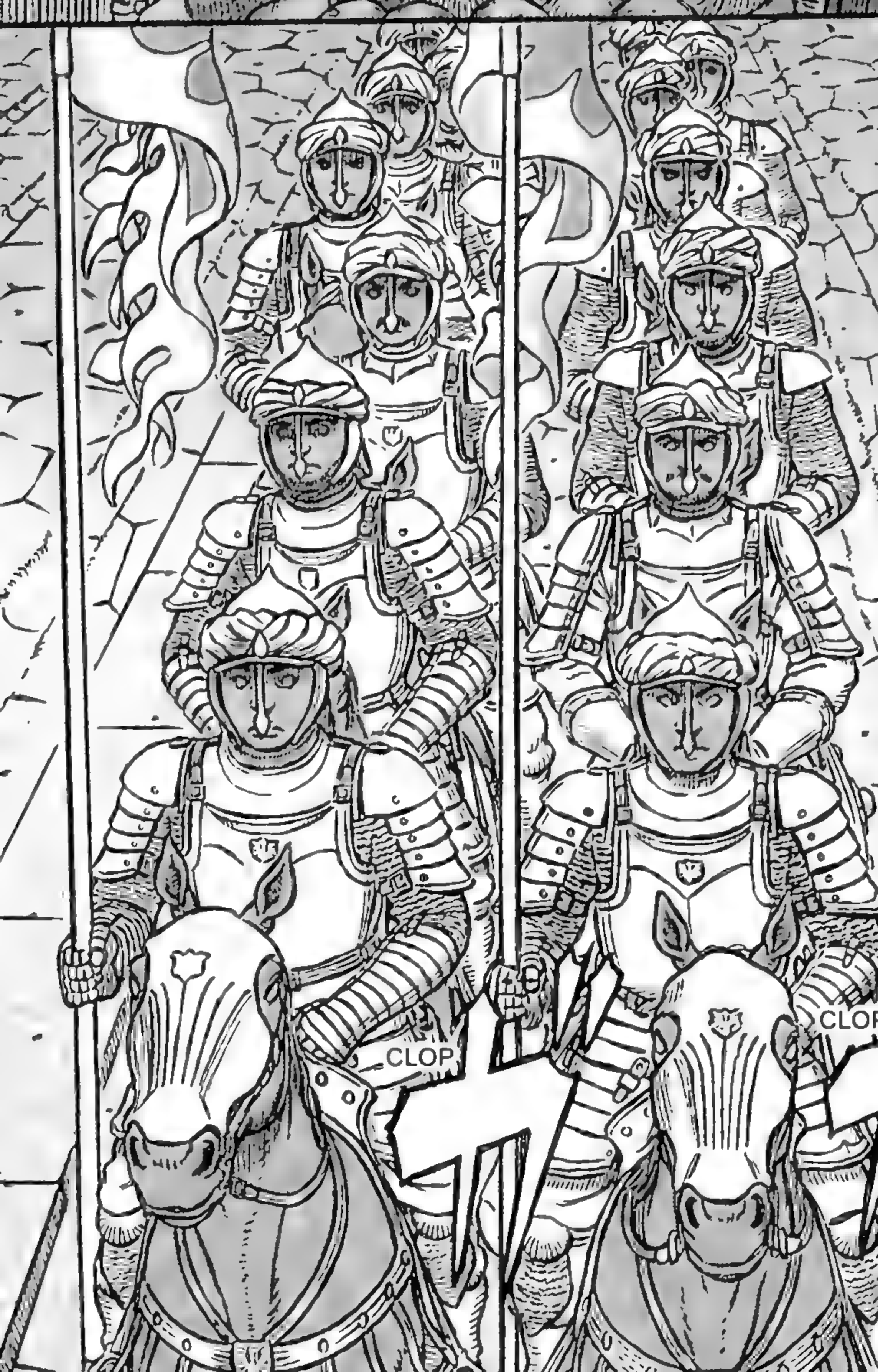
IN
ANY
CASE...





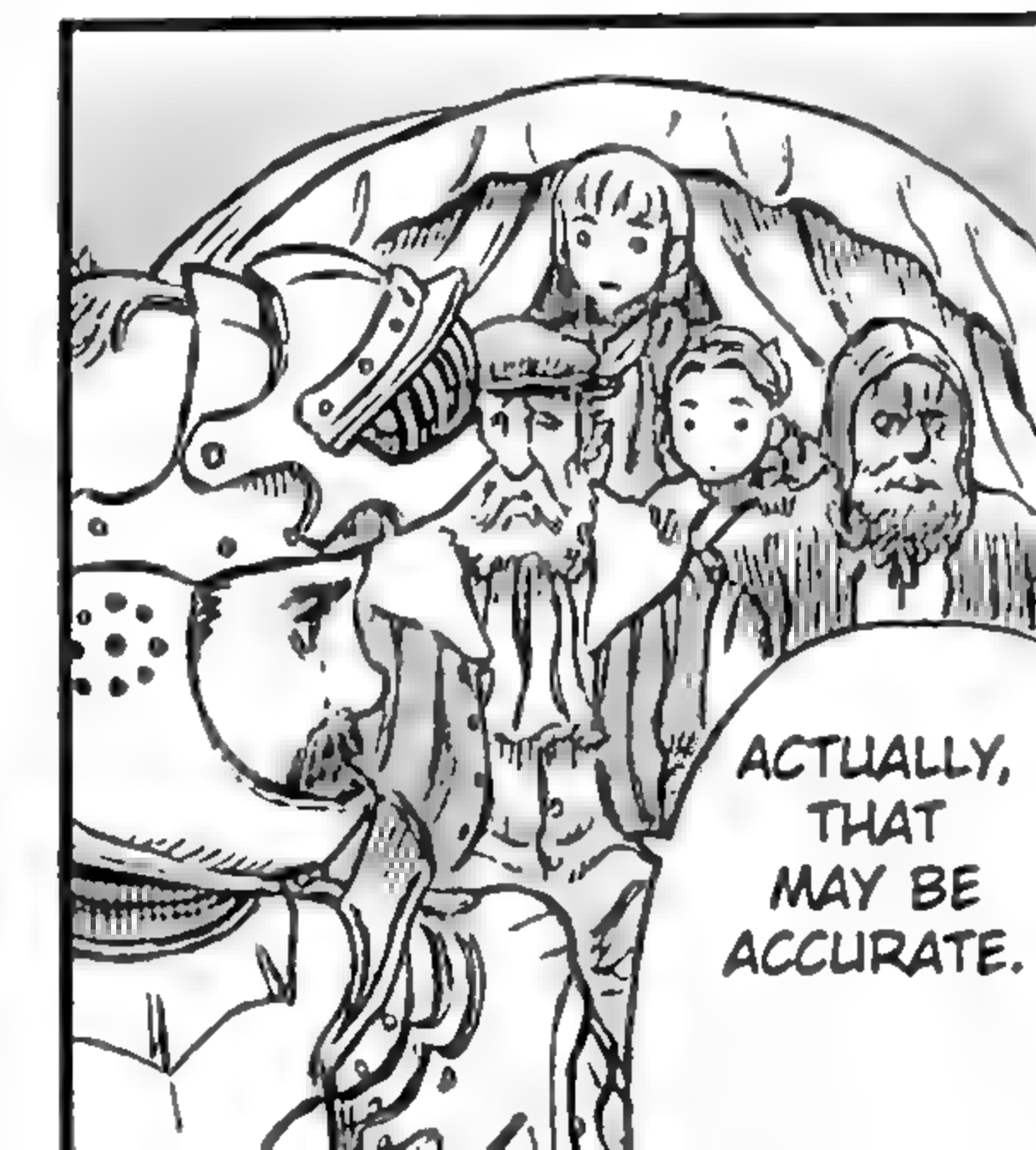
I'VE NEVER SEEN SO MANY PEOPLE BEFORE!

PEOPLE, PEOPLE, EVERYWHERE!

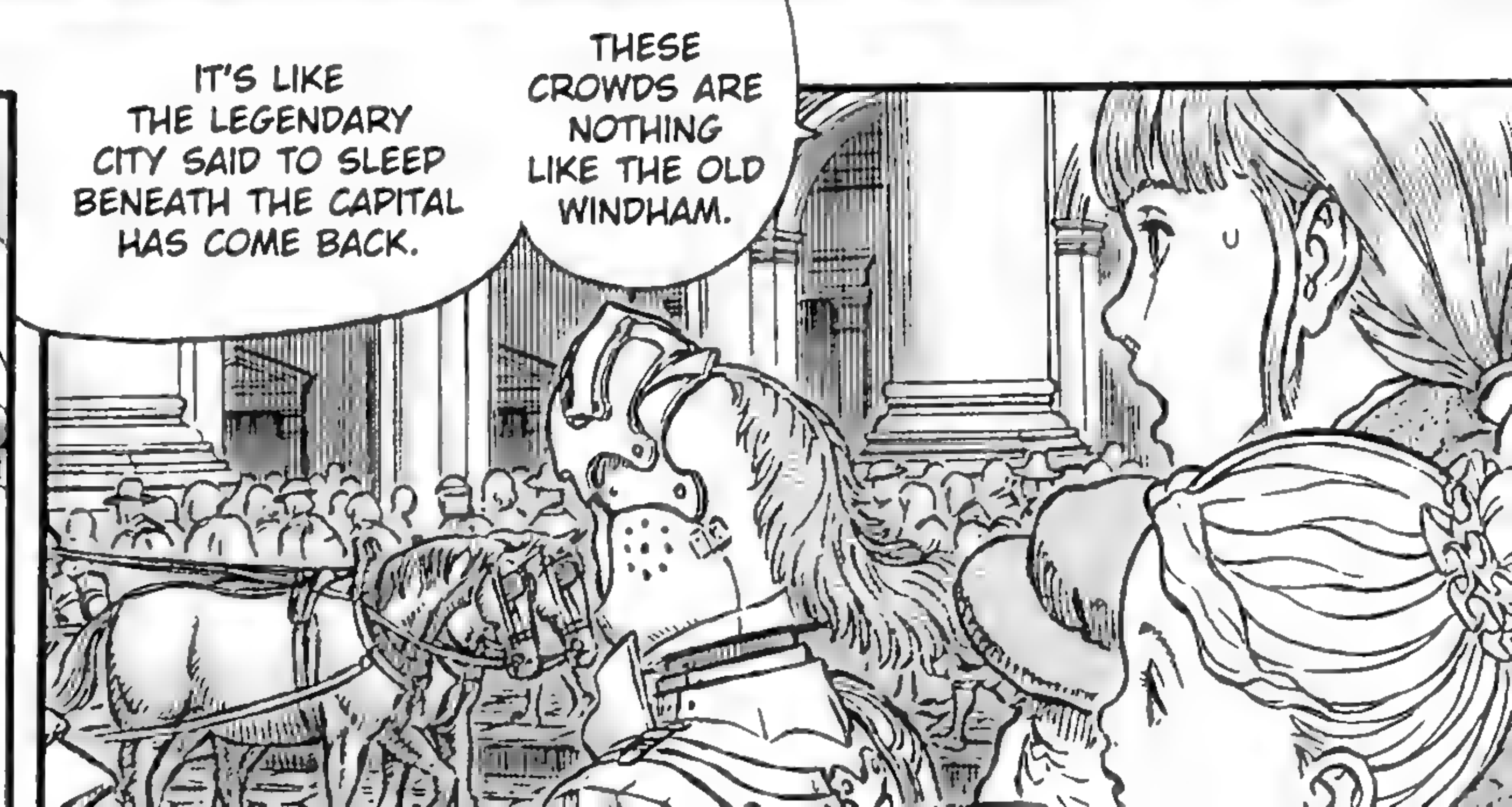


M-MUST BE.

IS E-EVERYONE IN THE COUNTRY GATHERED HERE?



ACTUALLY, THAT MAY BE ACCURATE.



IT'S LIKE THE LEGENDARY CITY SAID TO SLEEP BENEATH THE CAPITAL HAS COME BACK.

THESE CROWDS ARE NOTHING LIKE THE OLD WINDHAM.



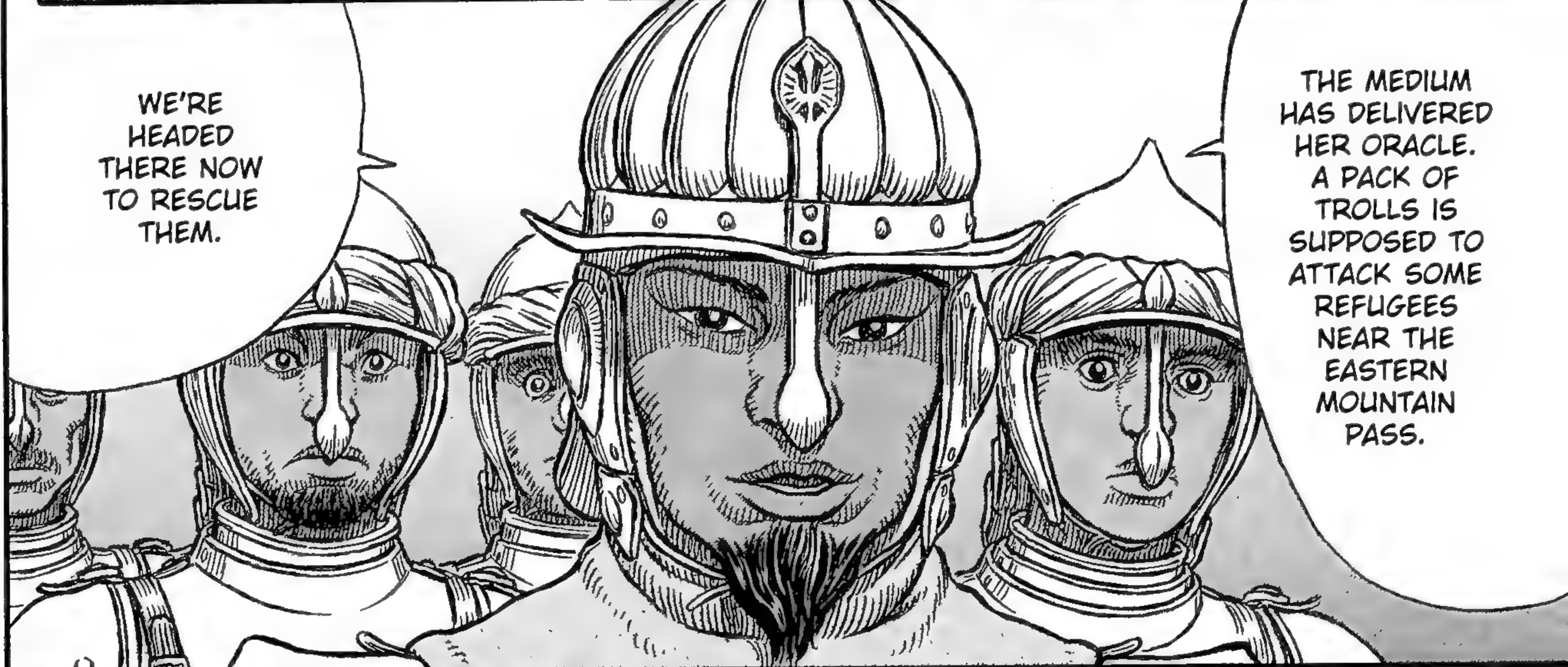
WELL MET,
SIR LABAN.
IT'S GOOD
TO SEE
YOU
BACK
SAFE.

ARE
YOU ABOUT
TO DEPART,
SIR
JARIF?



A-AIN'T
THEY
KUSHAN!?

WAIT,
ARE
THOSE
...!?



WE'RE
HEADED
THERE NOW
TO RESCUE
THEM.

THE MEDIUM
HAS DELIVERED
HER ORACLE.
A PACK OF
TROLLS IS
SUPPOSED TO
ATTACK SOME
REFUGEES
NEAR THE
EASTERN
MOUNTAIN
PASS.



SEE
YOU
AGAIN.

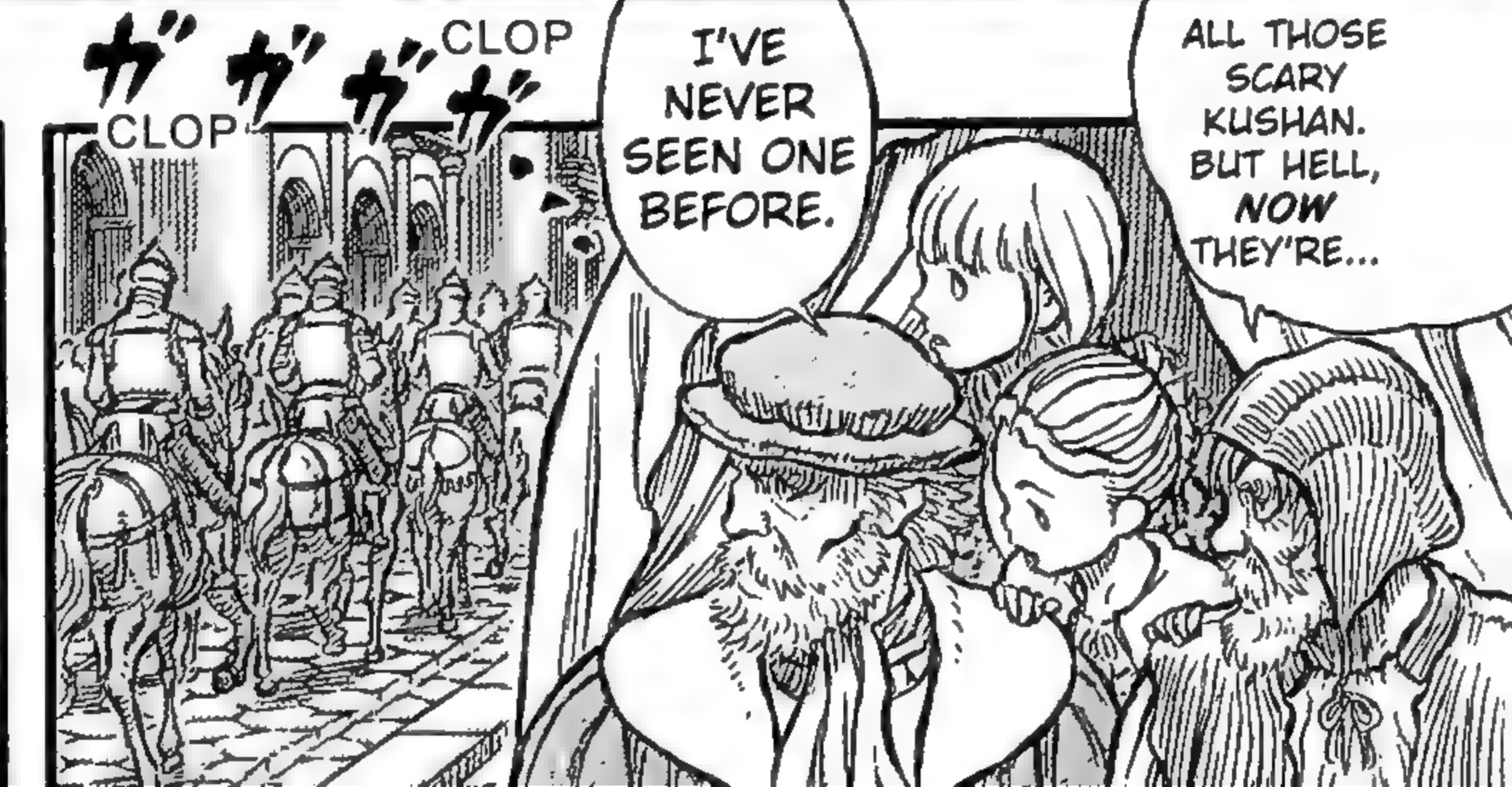
...SO WE HAVE
ALL DEDICATED
OUR LIVES TO
SERVING OUR NEW
MASTER.

WE KUSHAN OWE
THE PEOPLE OF
THIS LAND AN
IMMEASURABLE
DEBT...



THIS IS NO TIME
FOR PEOPLE
TO FIGHT EACH
OTHER.

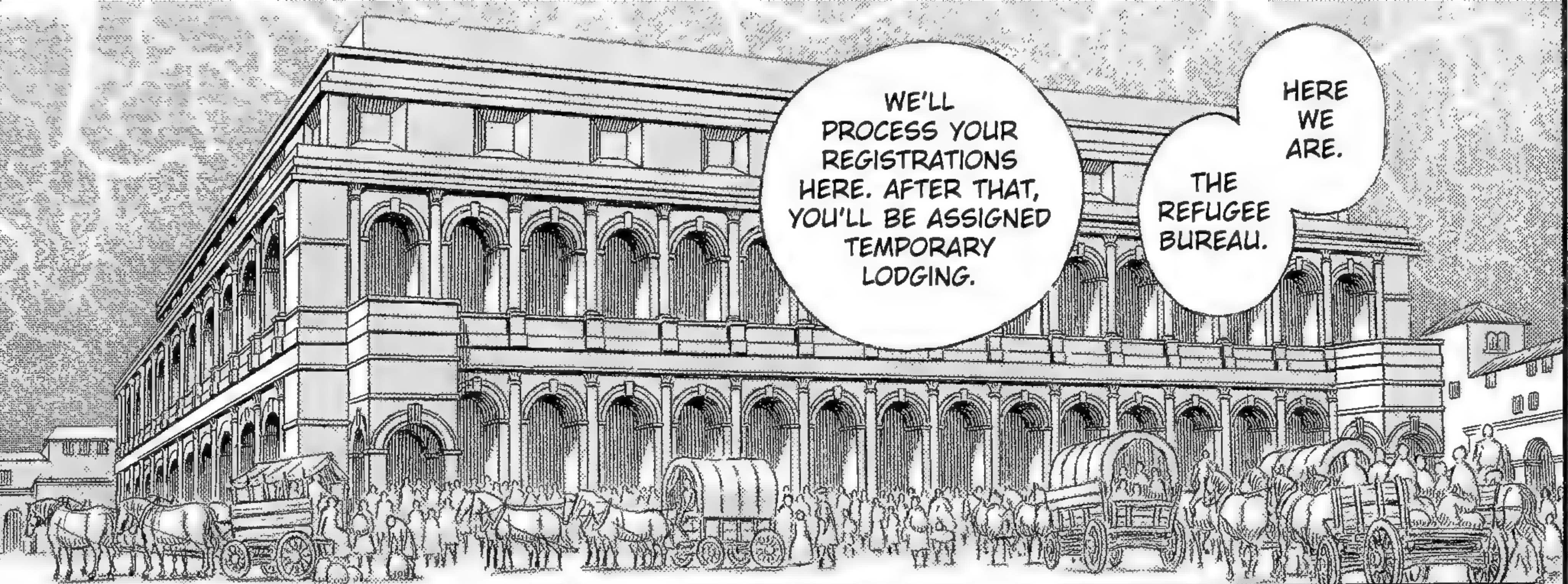
THAT'S
THE
TRUTH.



✦ ✦ ✦ CLOP
CLOP ✦ ✦ ✦

I'VE
NEVER
SEEN ONE
BEFORE.

ALL THOSE
SCARY
KUSHAN.
BUT HELL,
NOW
THEY'RE...



WE'LL
PROCESS YOUR
REGISTRATIONS
HERE. AFTER THAT,
YOU'LL BE ASSIGNED
TEMPORARY
LODGING.

HERE
WE
ARE.

THE
REFUGEE
BUREAU.



COME
WITH
ME.

I HAVE
SOME-
THING
TO GIVE
YOU.

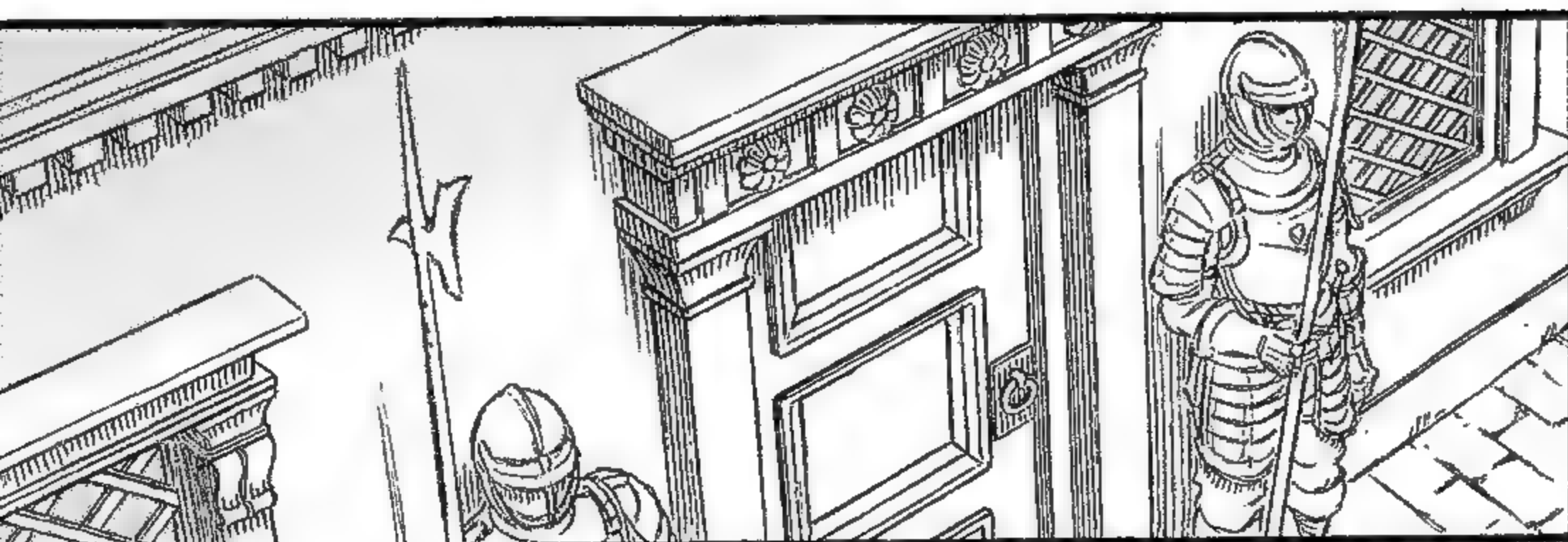
RICK-
ERT.



...TAKING
INTO ACCOUNT
YOUR WISHES
AND
ABILITIES.

YOUR
OFFICIAL
RESIDENCE
WILL BE
SITUATED
NEAR SOME
GUILD...

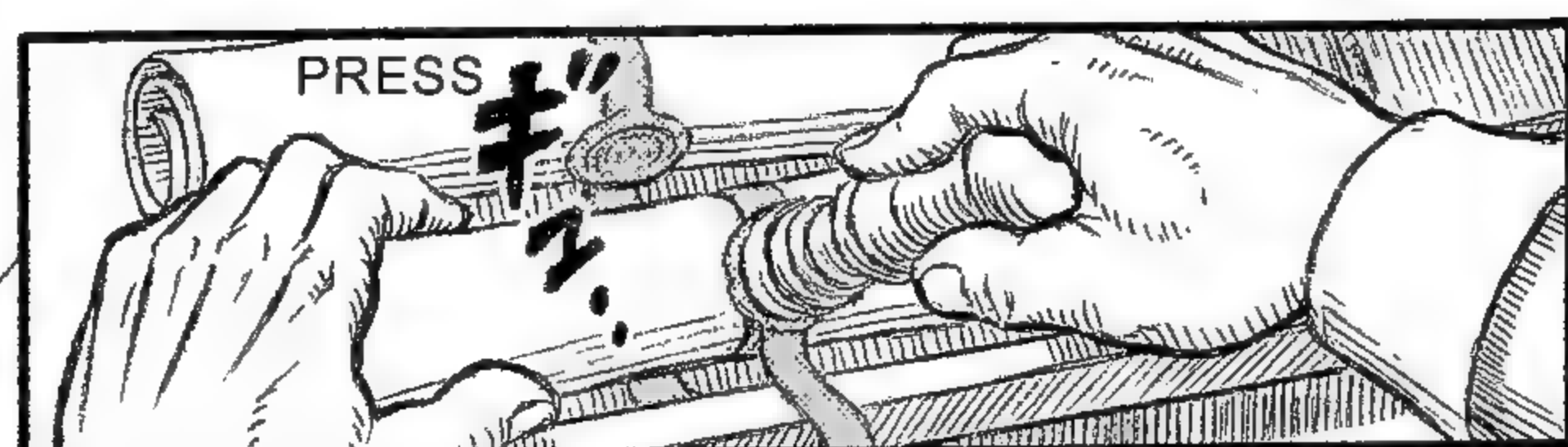
WE
REALLY
APPRECIATE
ALL YOU'VE
DONE
FOR US.



...AND A
RECOMMEN-
DATION
FOR AN
AUDIENCE
WITH THE
HAWK.

EH...

AND THIS
ONE IS A
PASS INTO
THE
CASTLE...

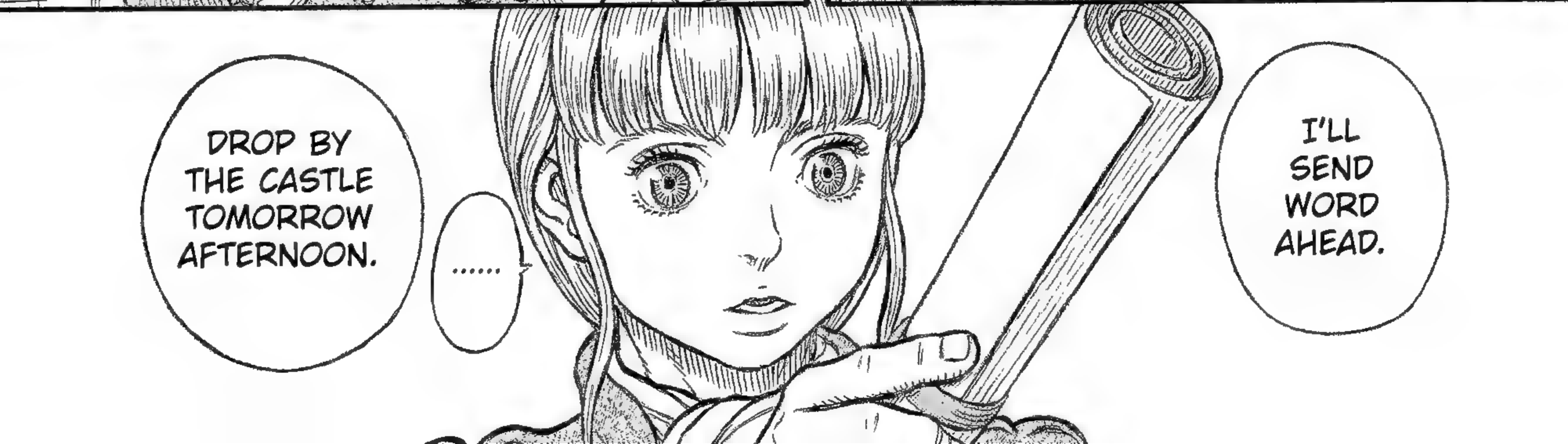


PRESS

TH-
THANK
YOU.

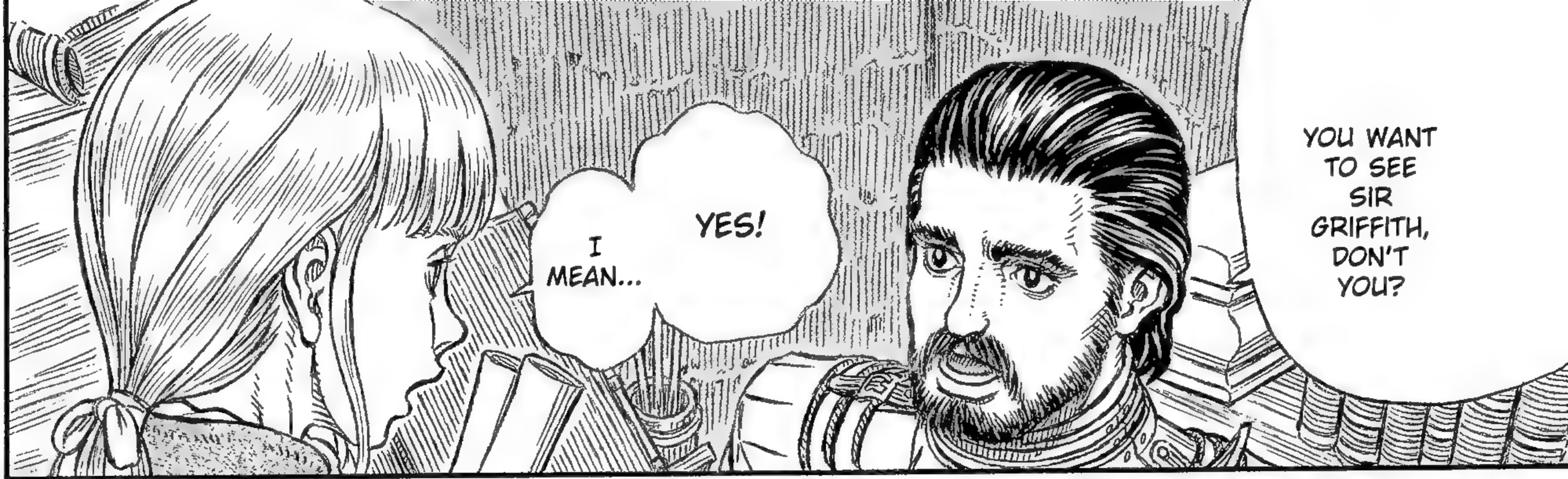
IT'S A LETTER OF
RECOMMENDATION FOR
THE BLACKSMITH AND
CRAFTSMAN GUILDS
AND THE ARMY.
YOU PERFORMED
ADMIRABLY BACK
THERE.

HERE.



DROP BY
THE CASTLE
TOMORROW
AFTERNOON.

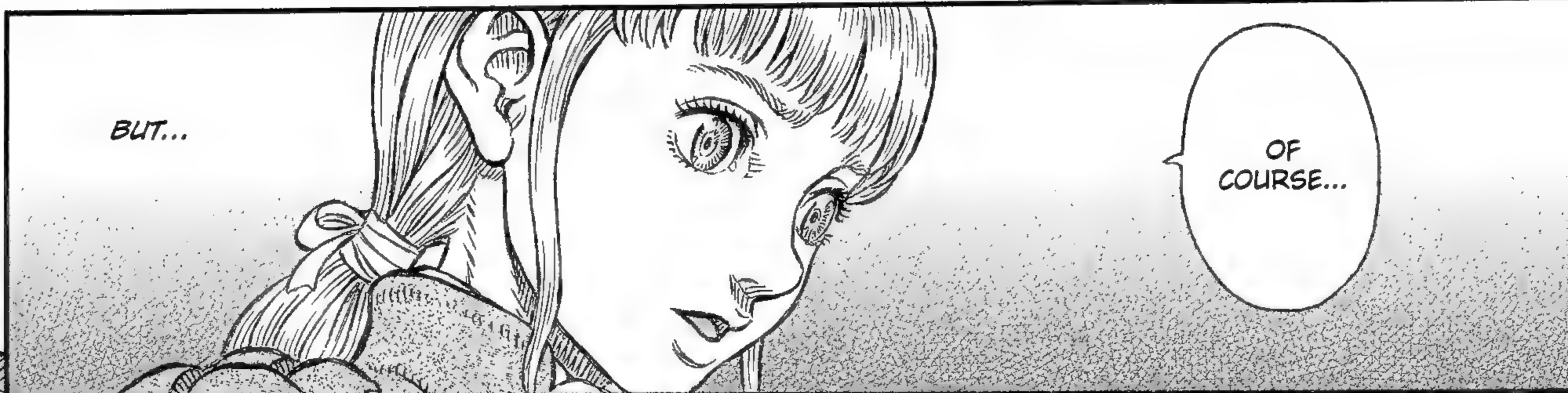
I'LL
SEND
WORD
AHEAD.



I
MEAN...

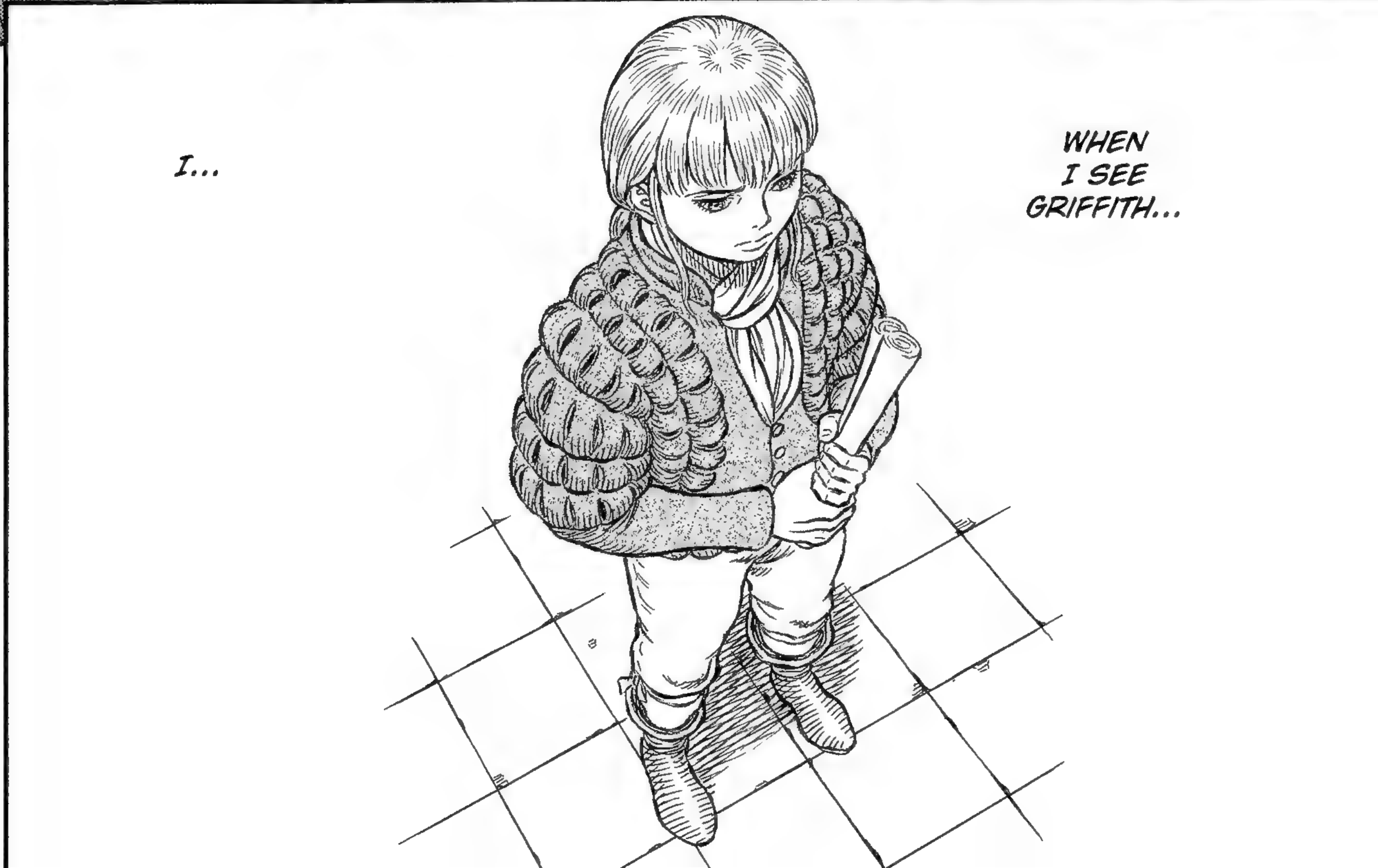
YES!

YOU WANT
TO SEE
SIR
GRIFFITH,
DON'T
YOU?



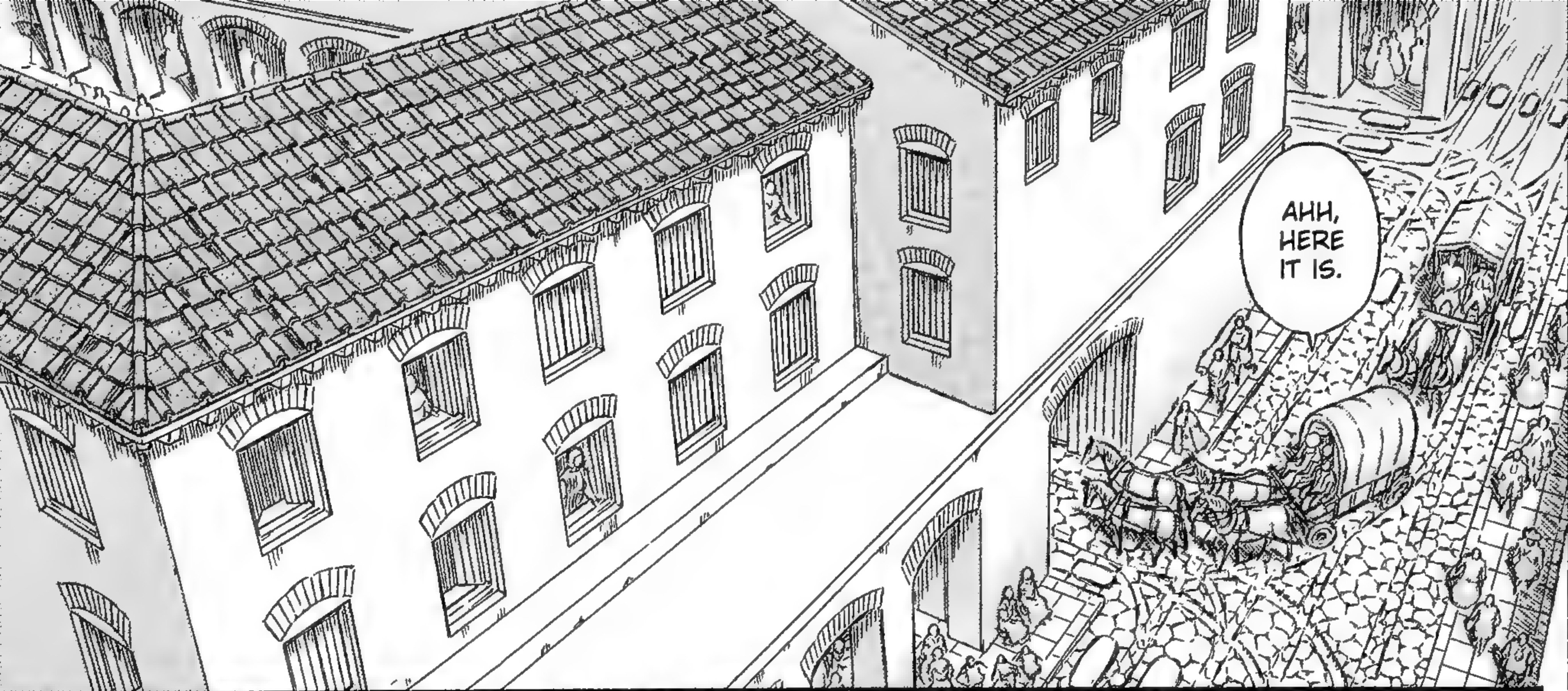
BUT...

OF
COURSE...

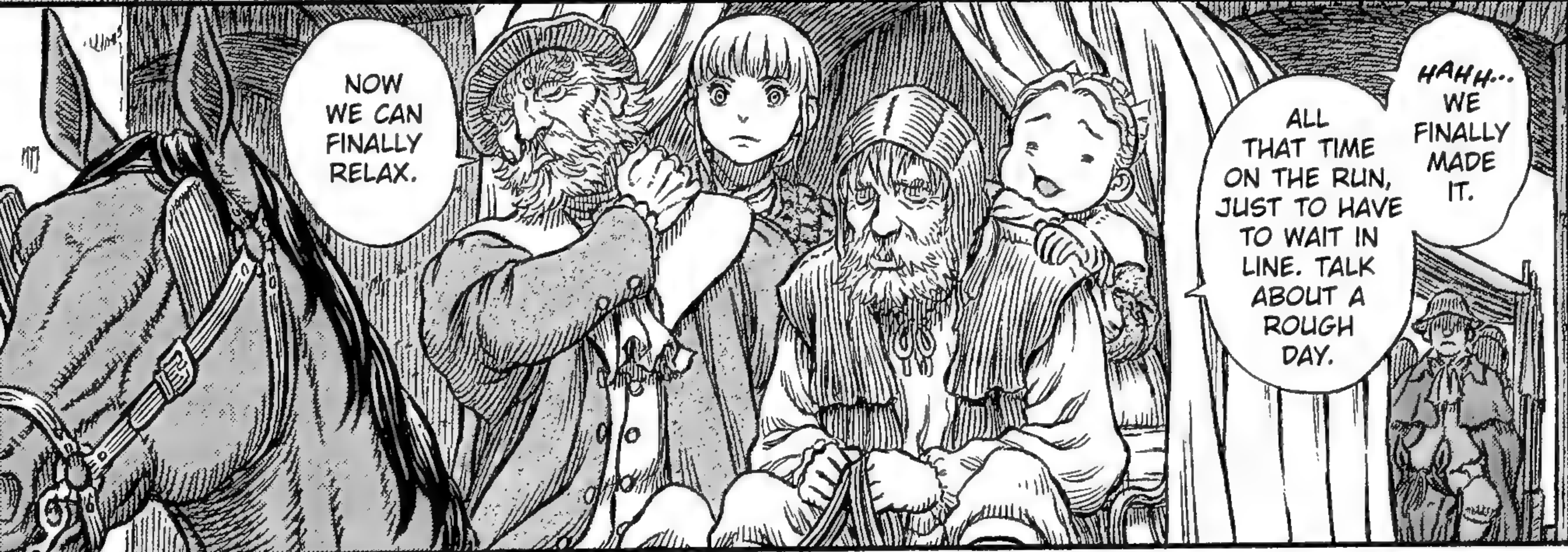


I...

WHEN
I SEE
GRIFFITH...



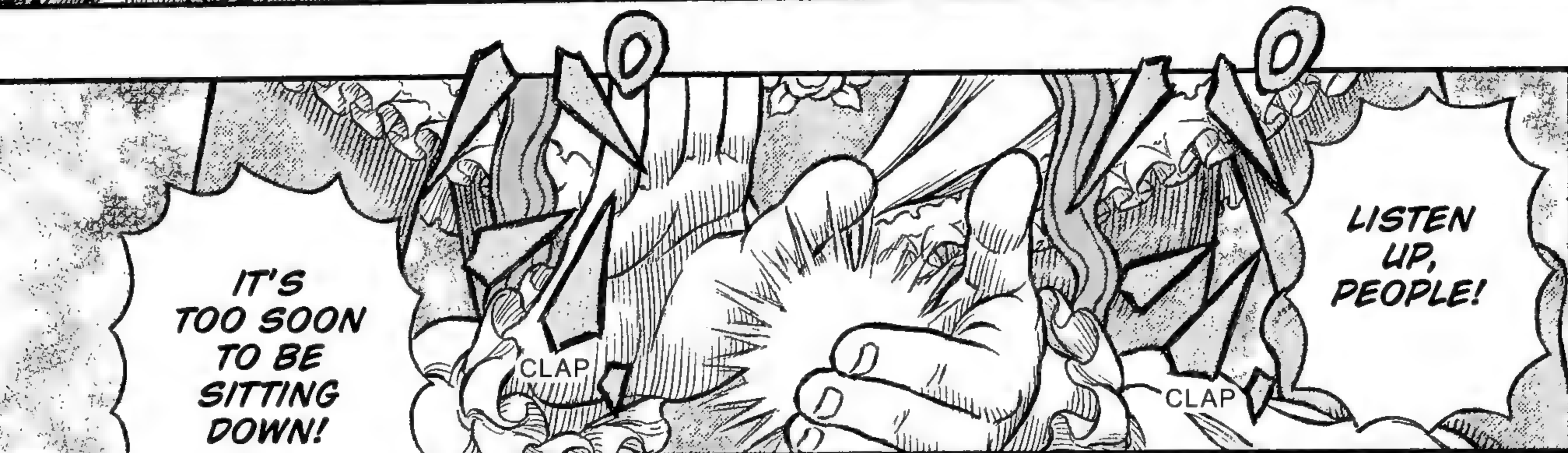
AHH,
HERE
IT IS.



NOW
WE CAN
FINALLY
RELAX.

ALL
THAT TIME
ON THE RUN,
JUST TO HAVE
TO WAIT IN
LINE. TALK
ABOUT A
ROUGH
DAY.

HAHH...
WE
FINALLY
MADE
IT.



IT'S
TOO SOON
TO BE
SITTING
DOWN!

LISTEN
UP,
PEOPLE!



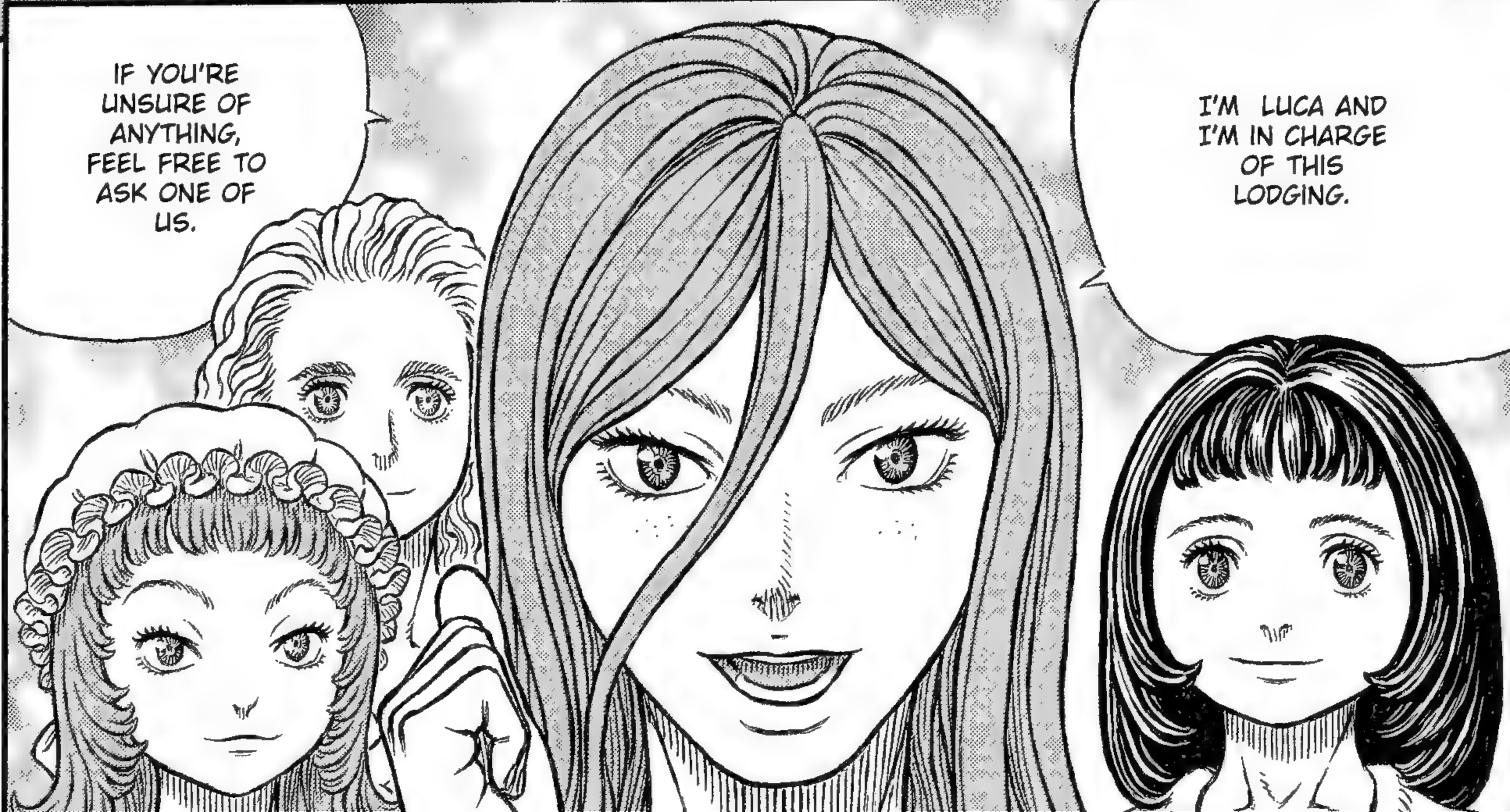
...BUT
ON YOUR
FEET JUST
A LITTLE
LONGER.

THE JOURNEY
WAS PERILOUS.
I KNOW
YOU'RE
EXHAUSTED...



IF YOU'RE
UNSURE OF
ANYTHING,
FEEL FREE TO
ASK ONE OF
US.

I'M LUCA AND
I'M IN CHARGE
OF THIS
LODGING.



ROOMS ARE
BASICALLY
ASSIGNED ONE
PER FAMILY.
SINGLE PEOPLE
WILL HAVE TO
SHARE A
ROOM.

FAMILIES
WITH
ELDERLY
MEMBERS
GET
PRIORITY
FOR
FIRST-
FLOOR
ROOMS.

IF ANYONE IS SICK
OR INJURED, SPEAK UP.
WE'LL GET YOU
A DOCTOR. CARRIAGES
GO AROUND BACK.

AND SHE
WON'T
TAKE NO
FOR AN
ANSWER.

UNTIL
THEN, JUST
BEHAVE
AND BEAR
WITH THE
CRAMPED
CONDITIONS.

SHE'S
REALLY
WITH IT.

IT WON'T
BE LONG
UNTIL
YOUR
RESIDENCE
IS
ASSIGNED.

NEW ARRIVALS,
GRAMPS.
THEY'RE ALL
YOURS.

FOLLOW
ME.

THE
STABLE'S
THIS
WAY.

CLATA

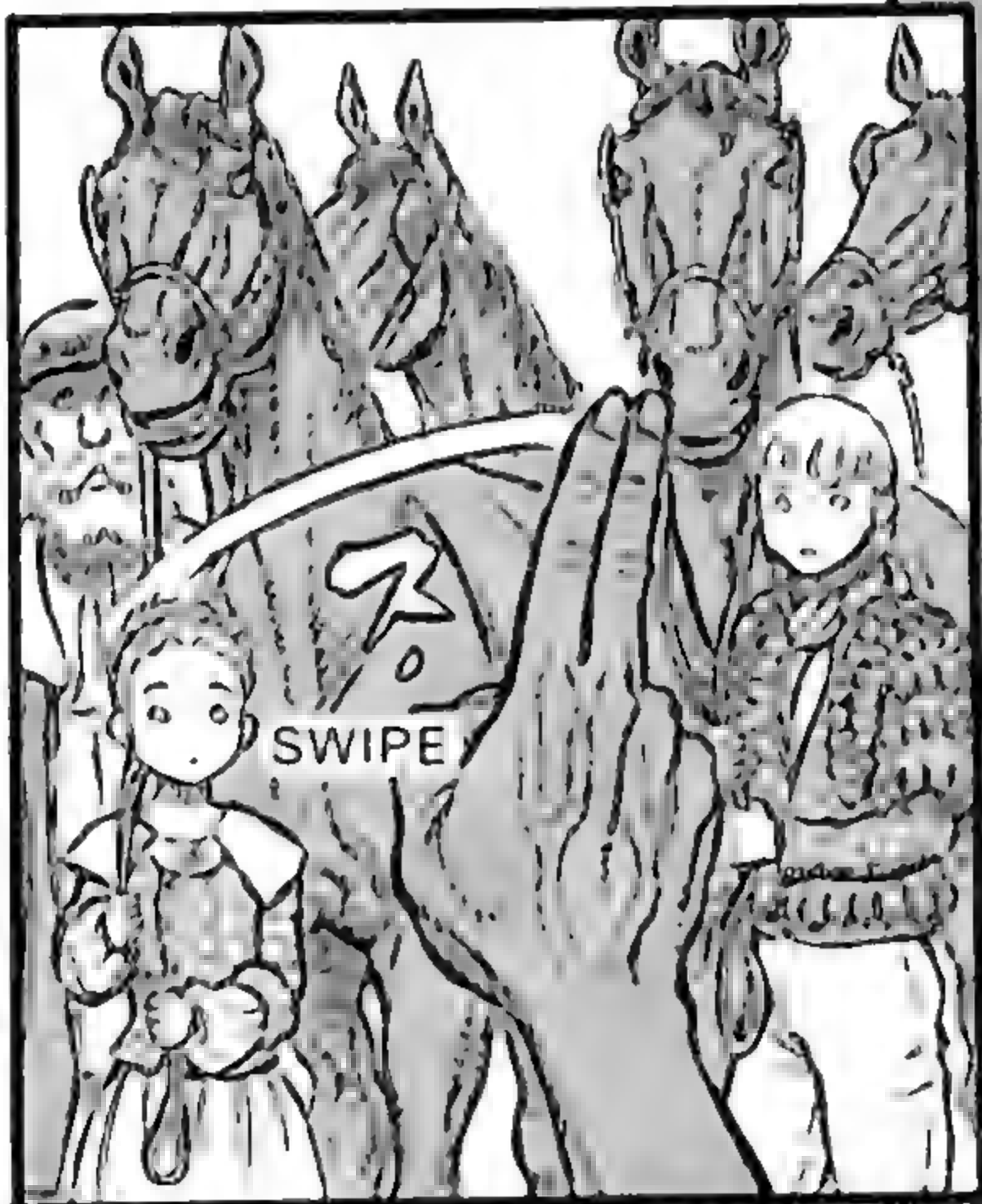
CLATA

THE
STABLE.

UH
OH.



...



SWIPE



...ANIMALS
TO ME.

YOU
CAN
LEAVE
THE...

A
H
H
H.



TWITCH

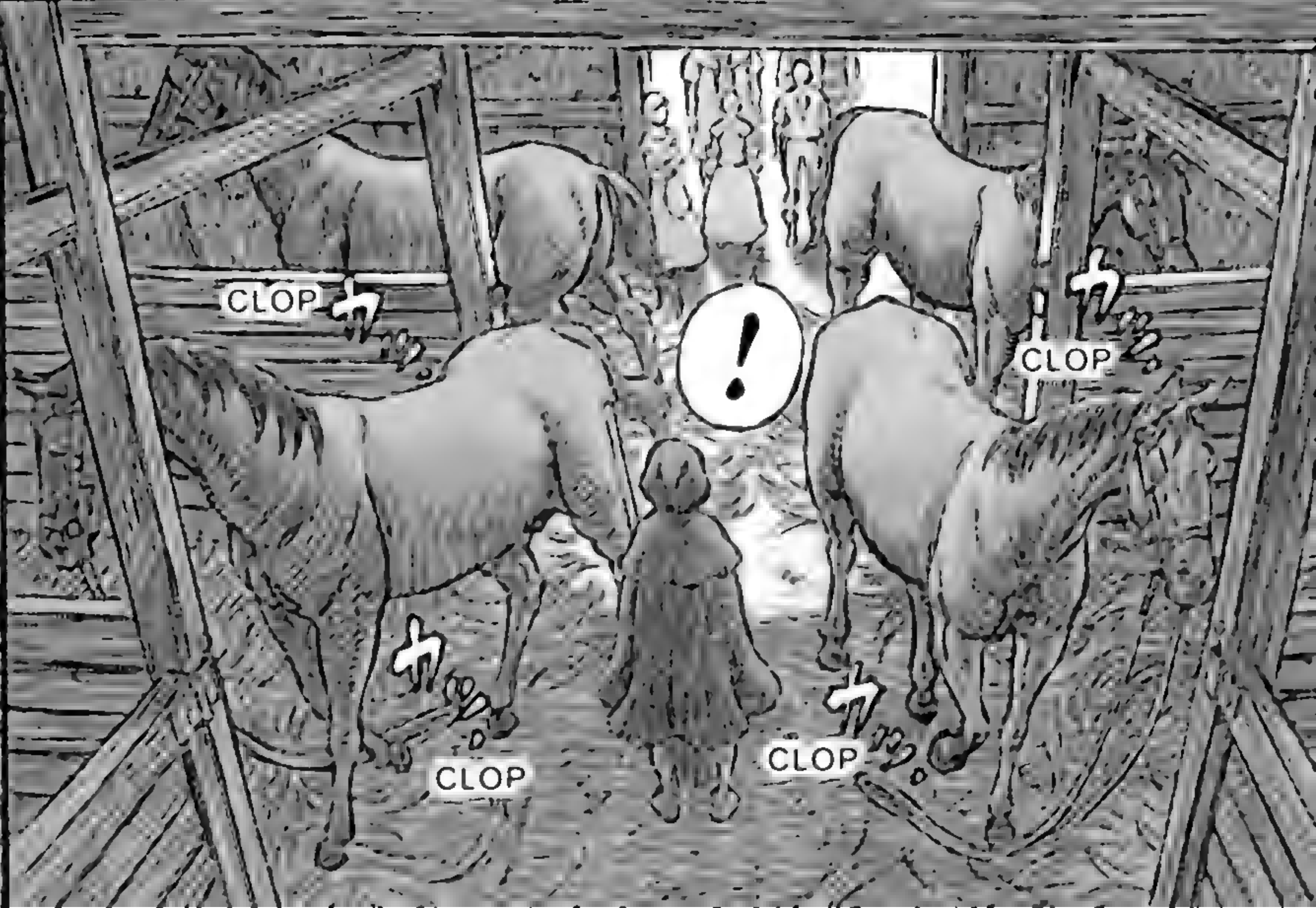
BRHRHR



...HORSES
GO ON
THEIR
OWN...

WHY'D
THE...

HMHMM



CLOP

CLOP

CLOP

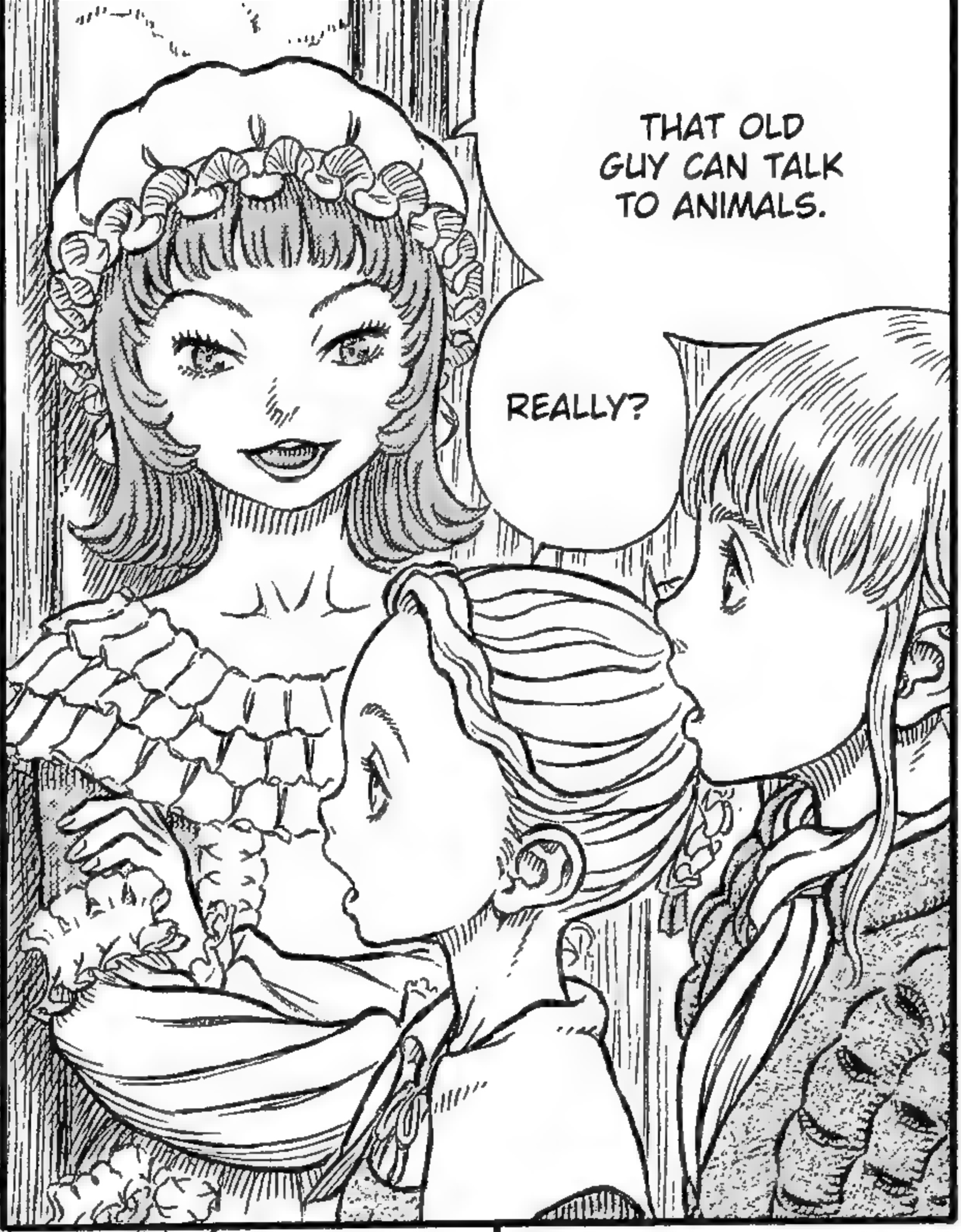
CLOP

!



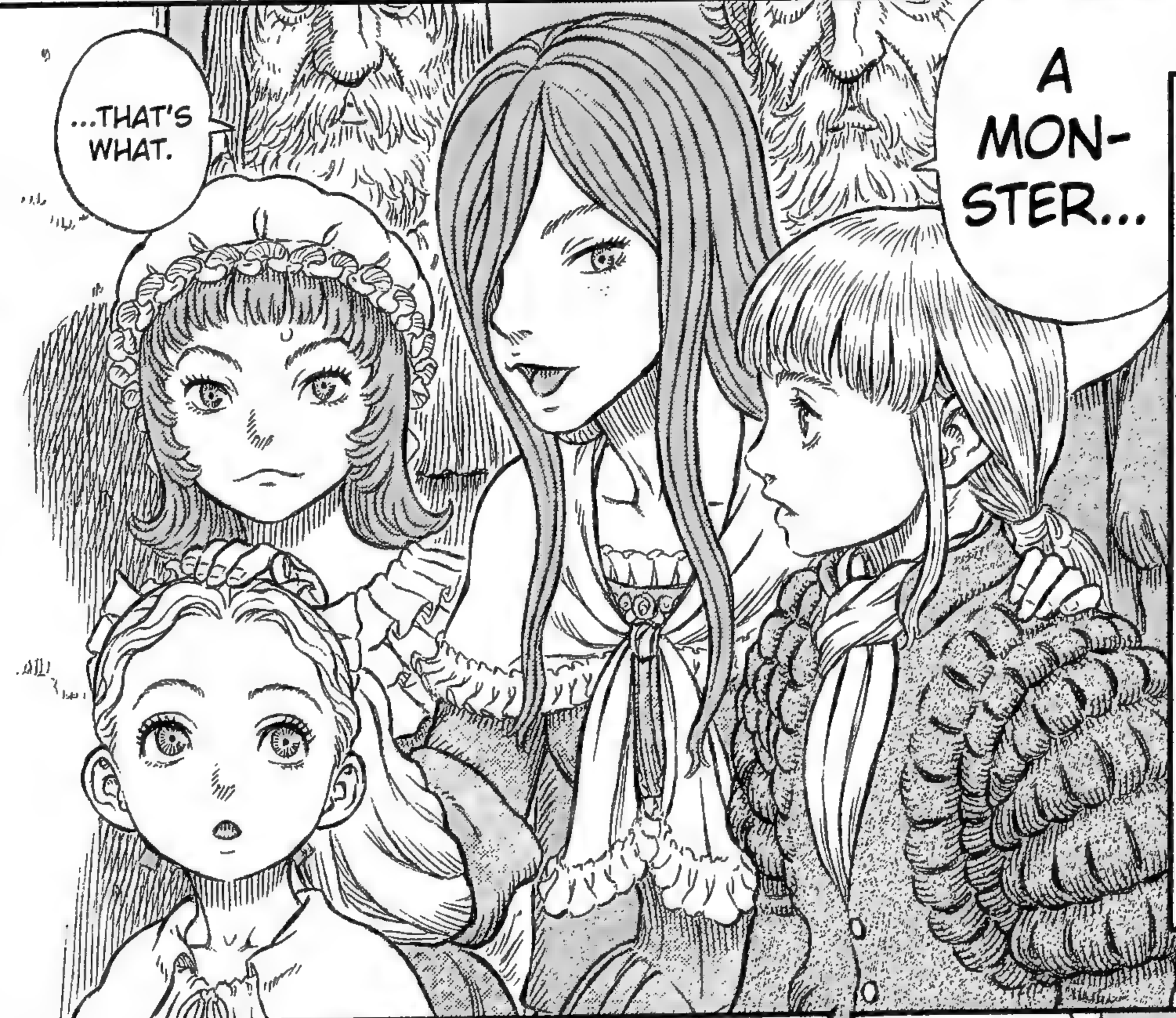
SCREEEE!

!



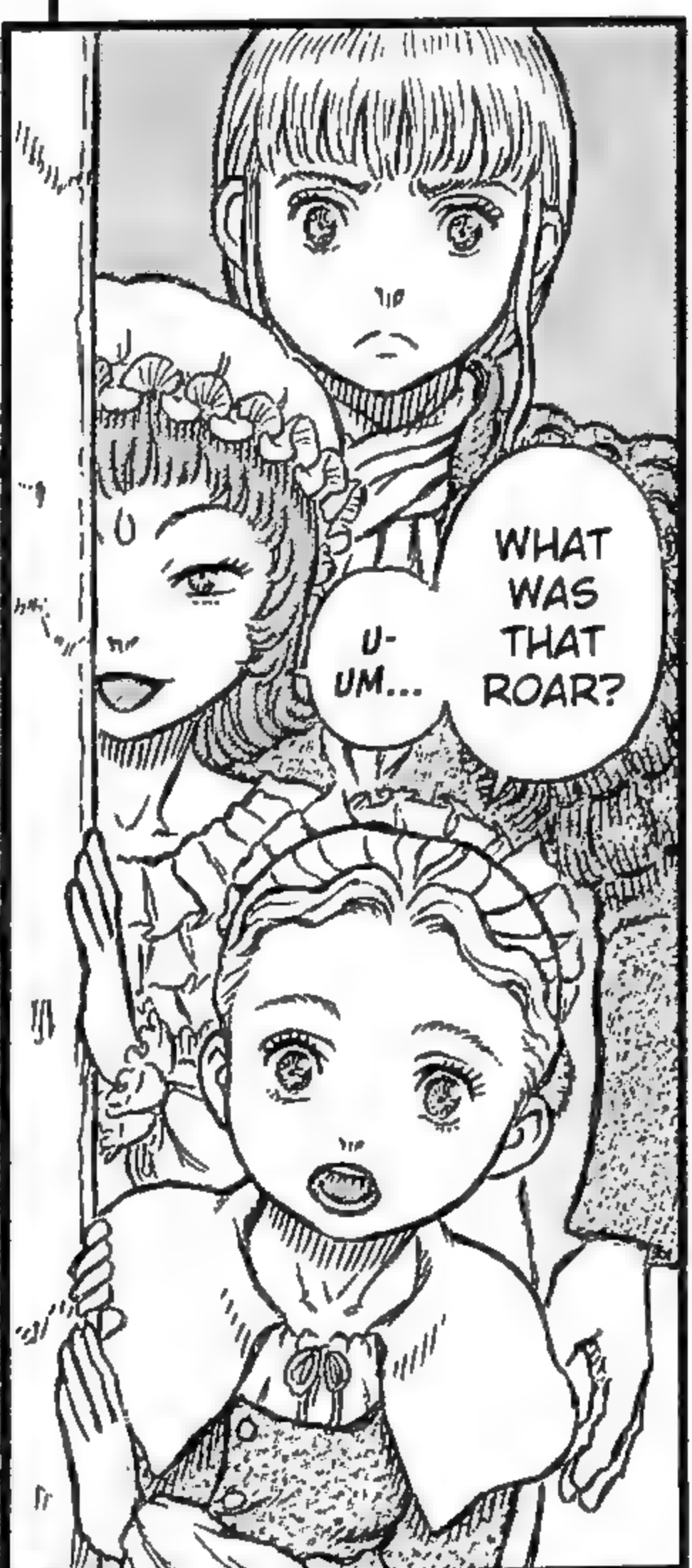
THAT OLD GUY CAN TALK TO ANIMALS.

REALLY?



...THAT'S WHAT.

A MONSTER...



WHAT WAS THAT ROAR?

U-UM...



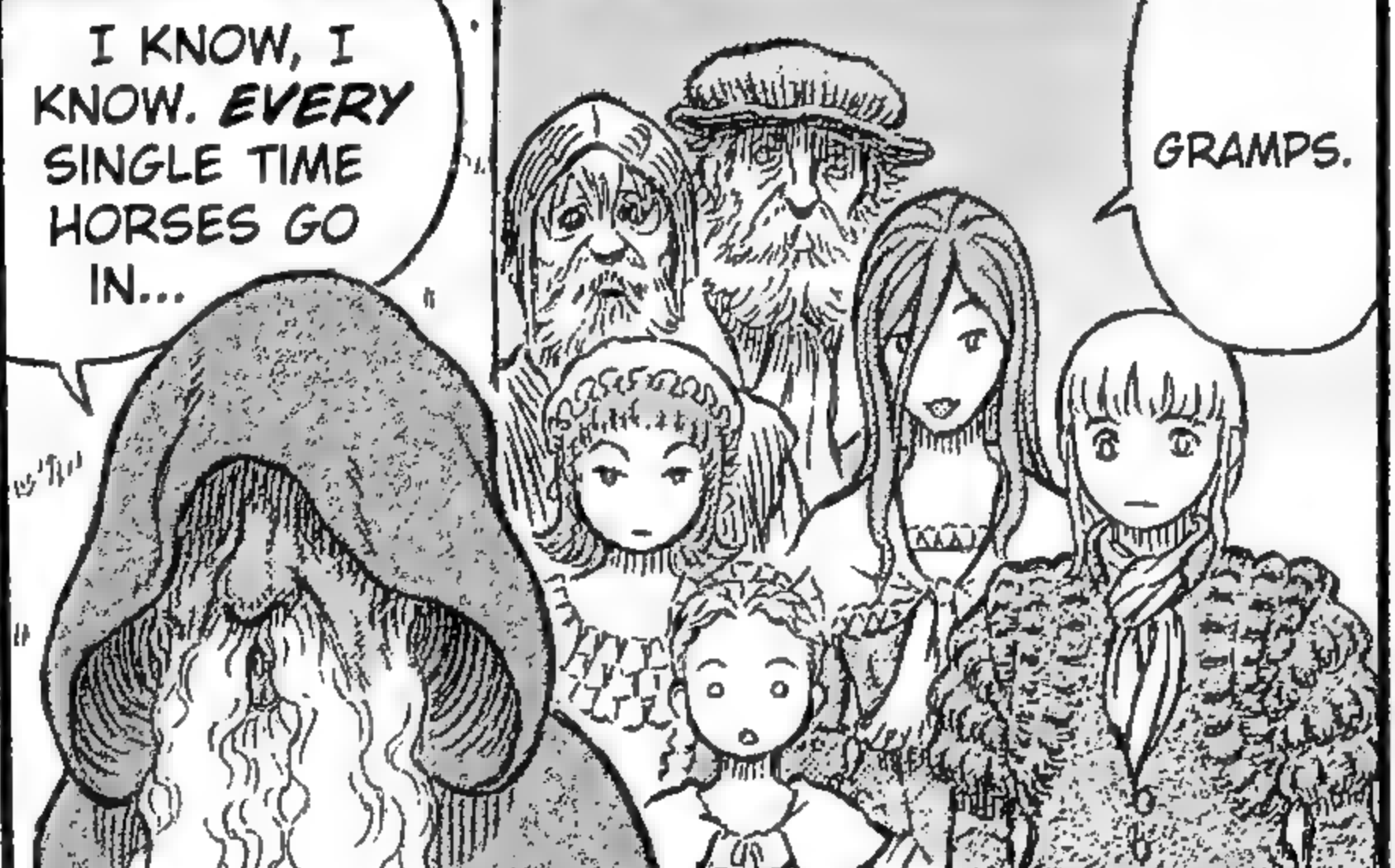
...YOU'LL GET EATEN. IF YOU'RE NOT THAT OLD MAN...

DON'T GO NEAR THERE.

HOW MANY TIMES HAVE I TOLD YOU, THOSE AREN'T FOOD!

I'LL BRING YOU SOME FRESH MEAT, SO PIPE DOWN!

ARGH!



I KNOW, I KNOW. EVERY SINGLE TIME HORSES GO IN...

GRAMPS.

I'LL
TAKE YOU
SOMEWHERE
NICE.

ANYWAY,
MEET ME
IN FRONT
OF THE
GATE
AFTER
YOU'VE
EATEN.

THESE
ARE
ALL
BATHS!?

OH
WOW!

SLIP

HEY!
DON'T
RUN OR
YOU'LL
SLI--

THUD



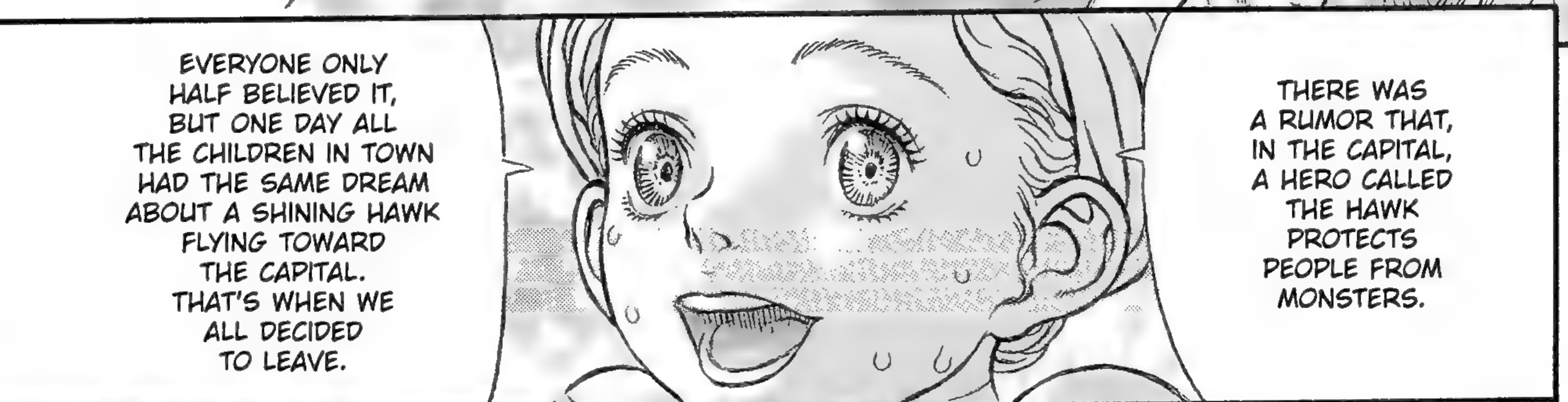
WE WERE
BLACKSMITHS
AT A MINE ON
THE BORDER,
UNTIL TROLLS
APPEARED IN THE
MOUNTAINS.

WHERE
DID YOU
GUYS
COME
FROM?

WE
MOVED TO
A NEARBY
TOWN FOR
SAFETY...

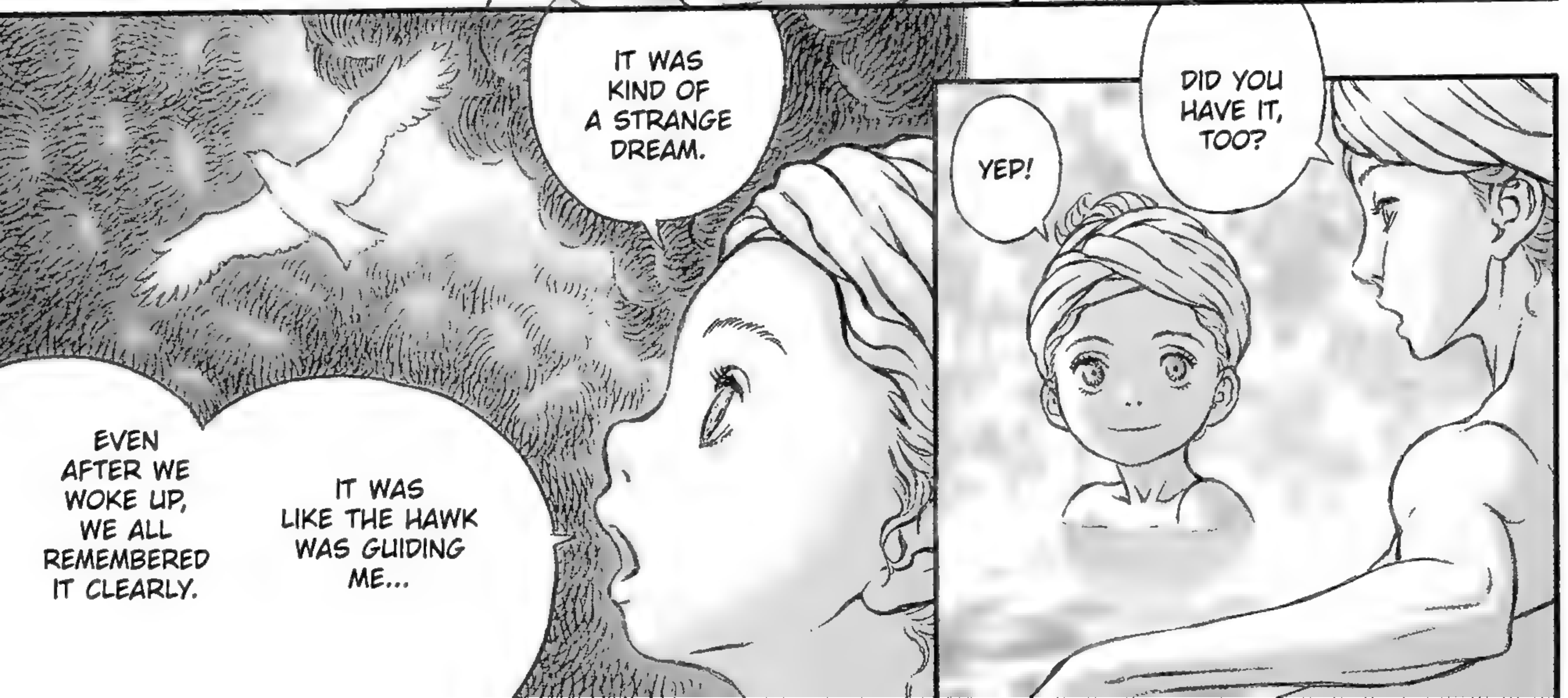
...BUT
THE TOWN
WAS
ATTACKED
BY AN
OGRE.

SO
WE ALL
ESCAPED
AND CAME
HERE.



EVERYONE ONLY
HALF BELIEVED IT,
BUT ONE DAY ALL
THE CHILDREN IN TOWN
HAD THE SAME DREAM
ABOUT A SHINING HAWK
FLYING TOWARD
THE CAPITAL.
THAT'S WHEN WE
ALL DECIDED
TO LEAVE.

THERE WAS
A RUMOR THAT,
IN THE CAPITAL,
A HERO CALLED
THE HAWK
PROTECTS
PEOPLE FROM
MONSTERS.



IT WAS
KIND OF
A STRANGE
DREAM.

DID YOU
HAVE IT,
TOO?

YEP!

EVEN
AFTER WE
WOKE UP,
WE ALL
REMEMBERED
IT CLEARLY.

IT WAS
LIKE THE HAWK
WAS GUIDING
ME...



US? WE
ENDURED A
WHOLE LOT
MORE.

YOU
GIRLS,
TOO?



...GUIDED
BY THE
HAWK
OF
LIGHT.

ALL THE
REFUGEES
WHO COME
HERE--THEY
BARELY
SURVIVED...



...RAN FROM
THE KUSHAN,
CHASED
AROUND BY
MONSTERS,
TOO, AND
THEN
FINALLY...

BURNED
OUT OF
OUR HOMES
DURING THE
HUNDRED-YEAR
WAR, DEALT
WITH FAMINE
AND NATURAL
DISASTER...

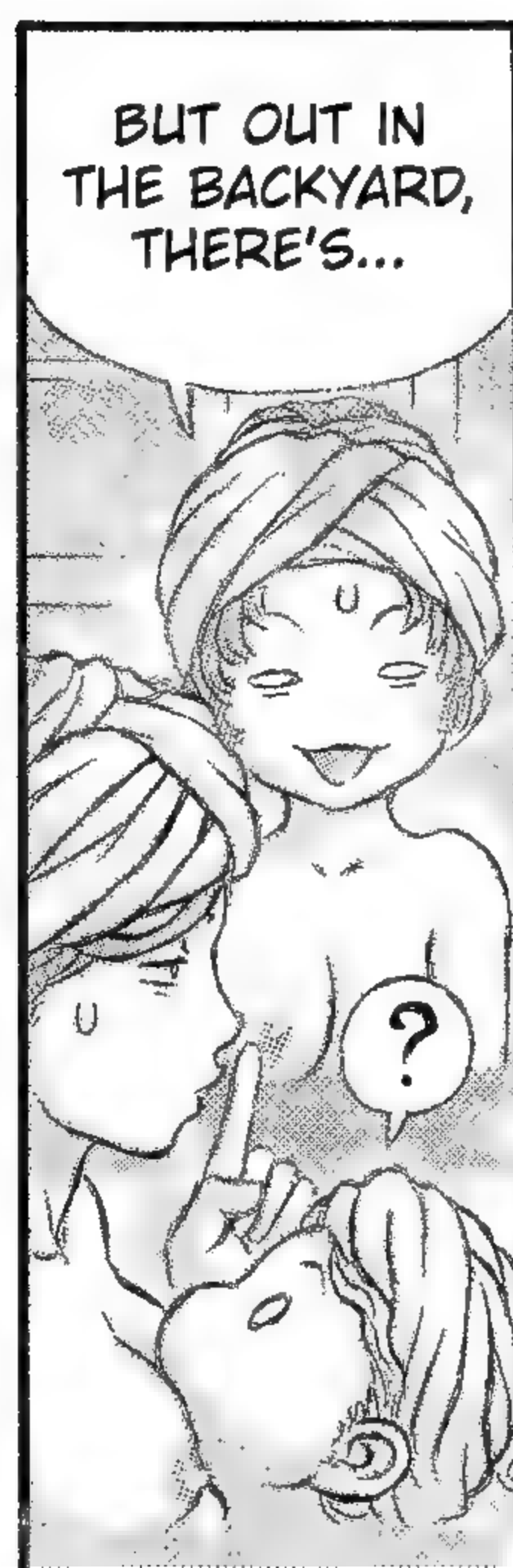


RIGHT,
RIGHT.

...WE
ARRIVED
AT THE
BATHS.

WE
WERE
BONE DRY,
MIND AND
BODY, BUT
NOW...

WAIT,
THE
BATHS
?!



BUT OUT IN
THE BACKYARD,
THERE'S...

...NO
SCARY
MONSTERS
WILL GET
INTO THIS
CITY, SO
YOU CAN
SLEEP EASY
TONIGHT.



ANY-
WAY...



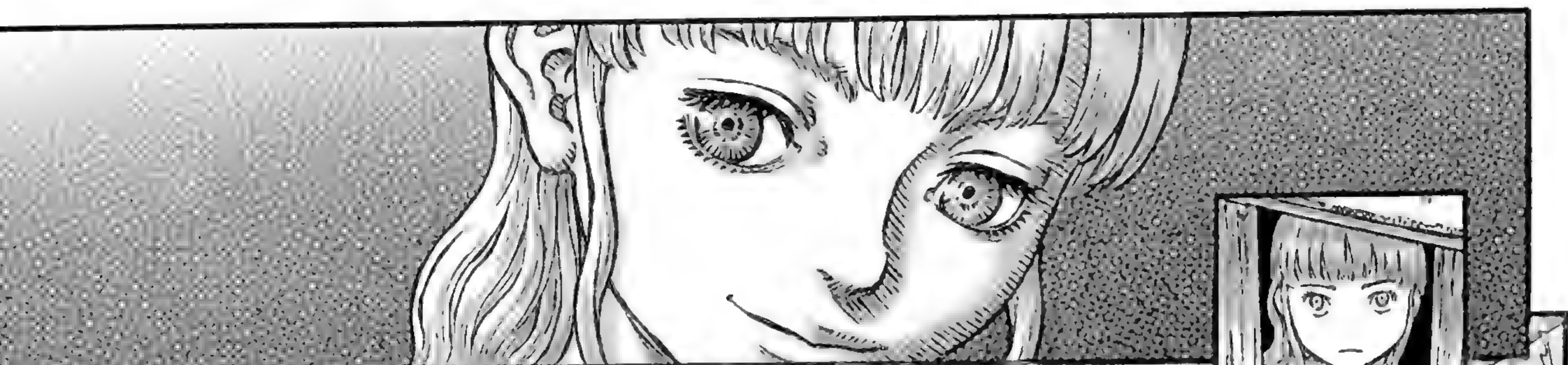
YOU AND YOUR
BROTHER HAD
IT ROUGH,
TOO.

?
WE'RE
NOT
BROTHER
AND
SISTER.



I'D LIKE
TO HEAR
SOME
DETAILS
ABOUT
THAT.

...HMM.

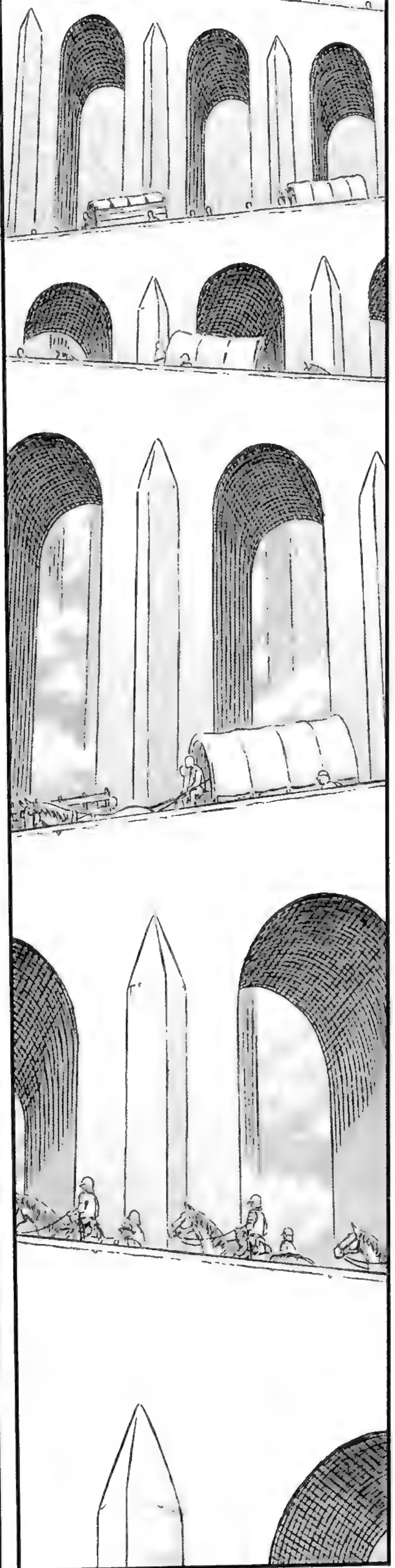
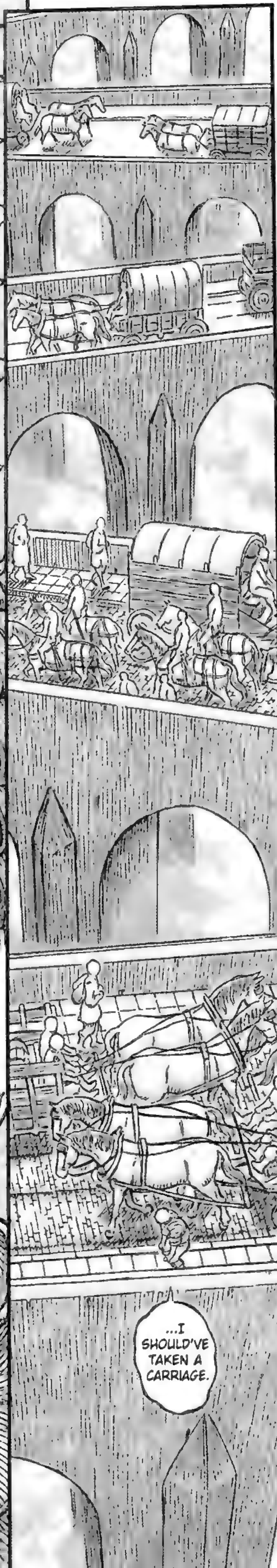


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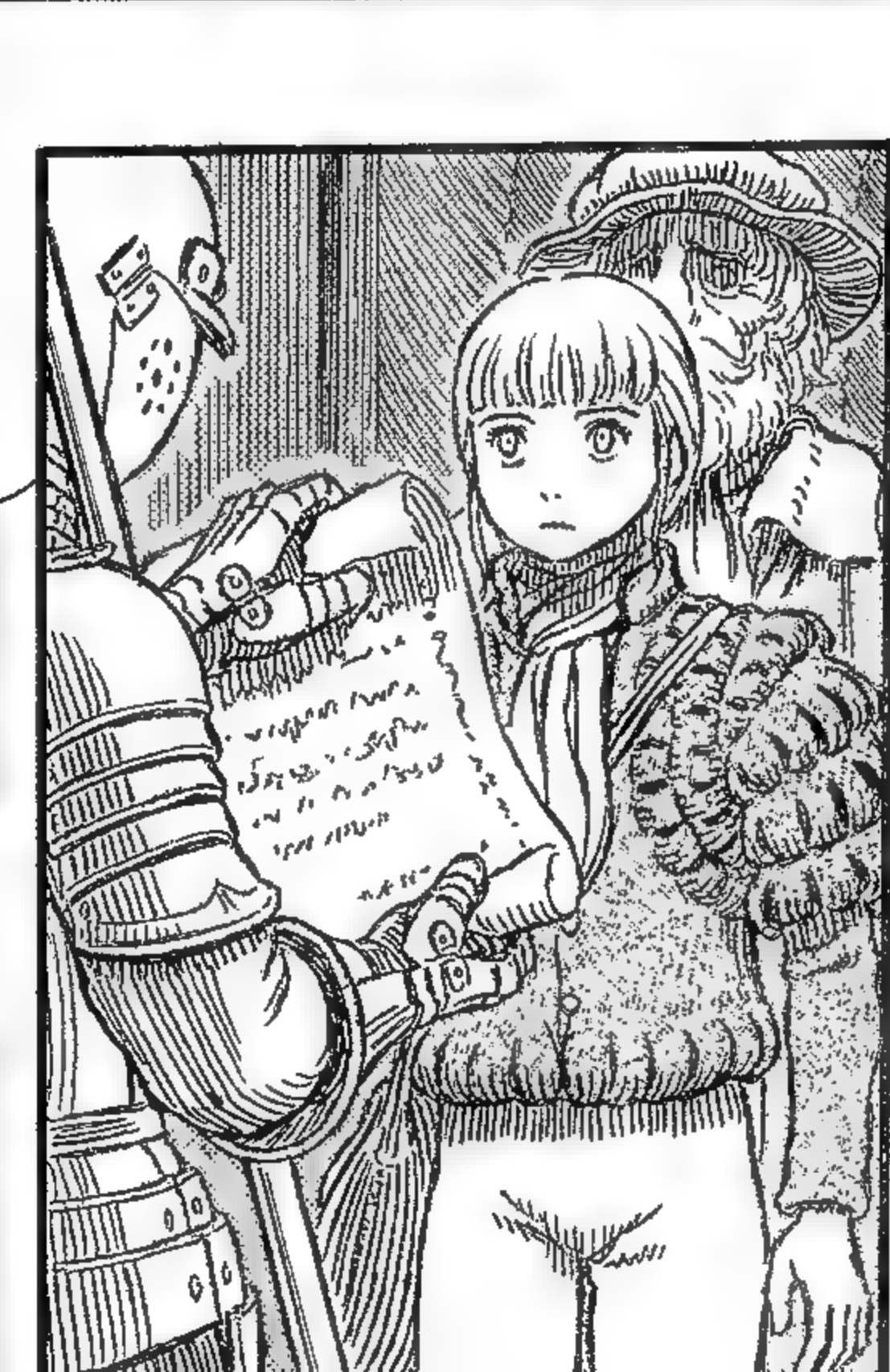
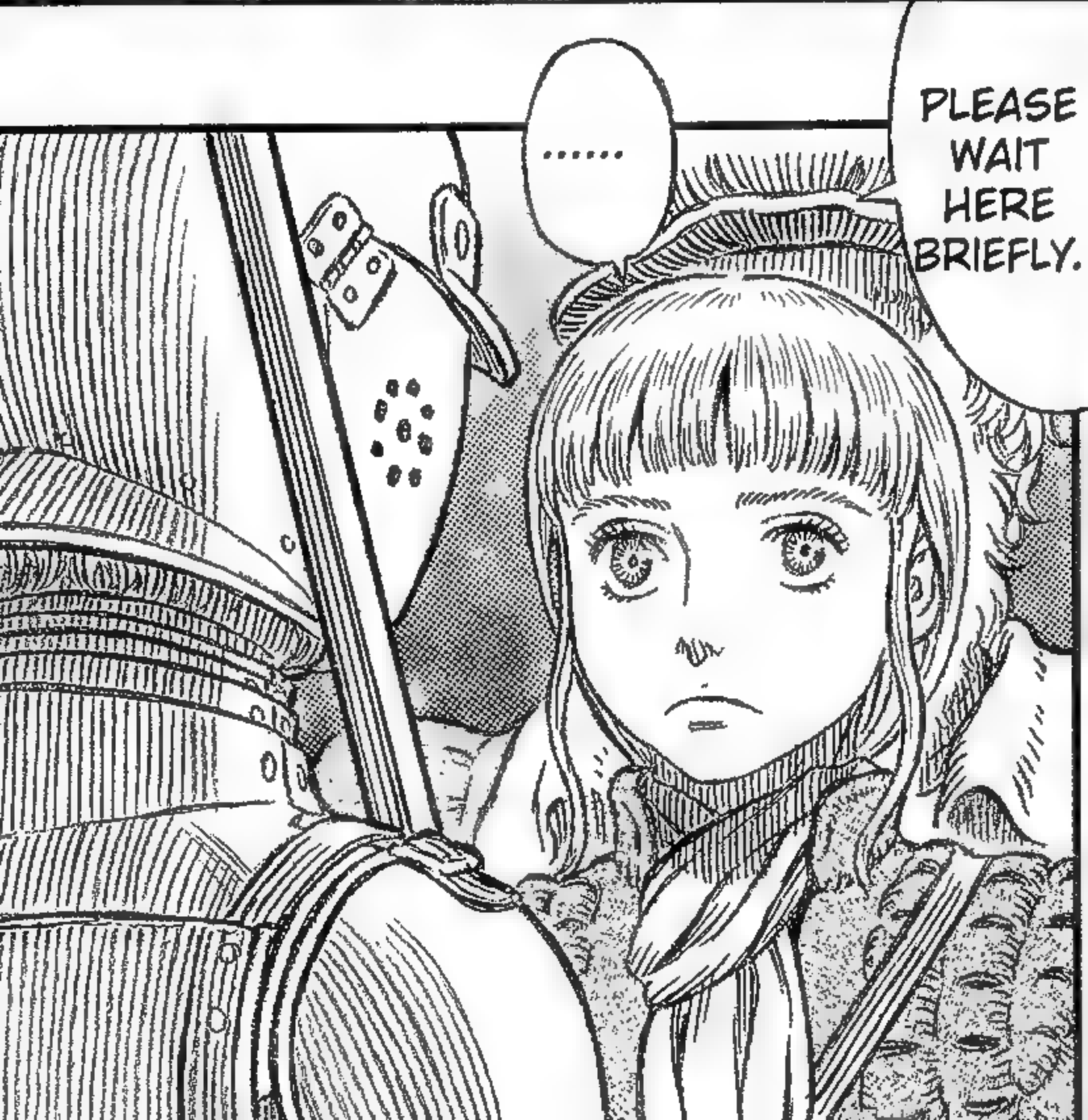
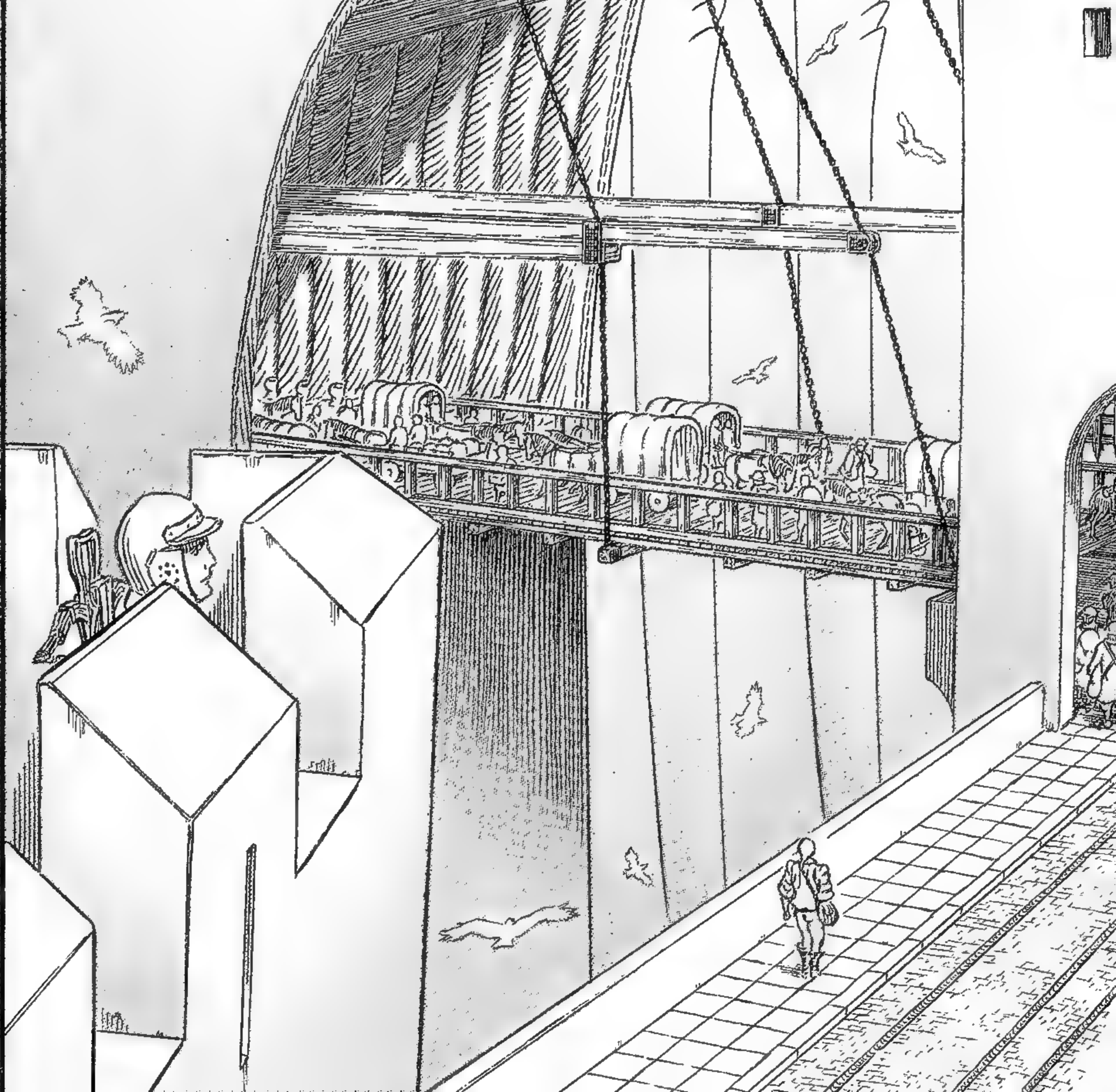
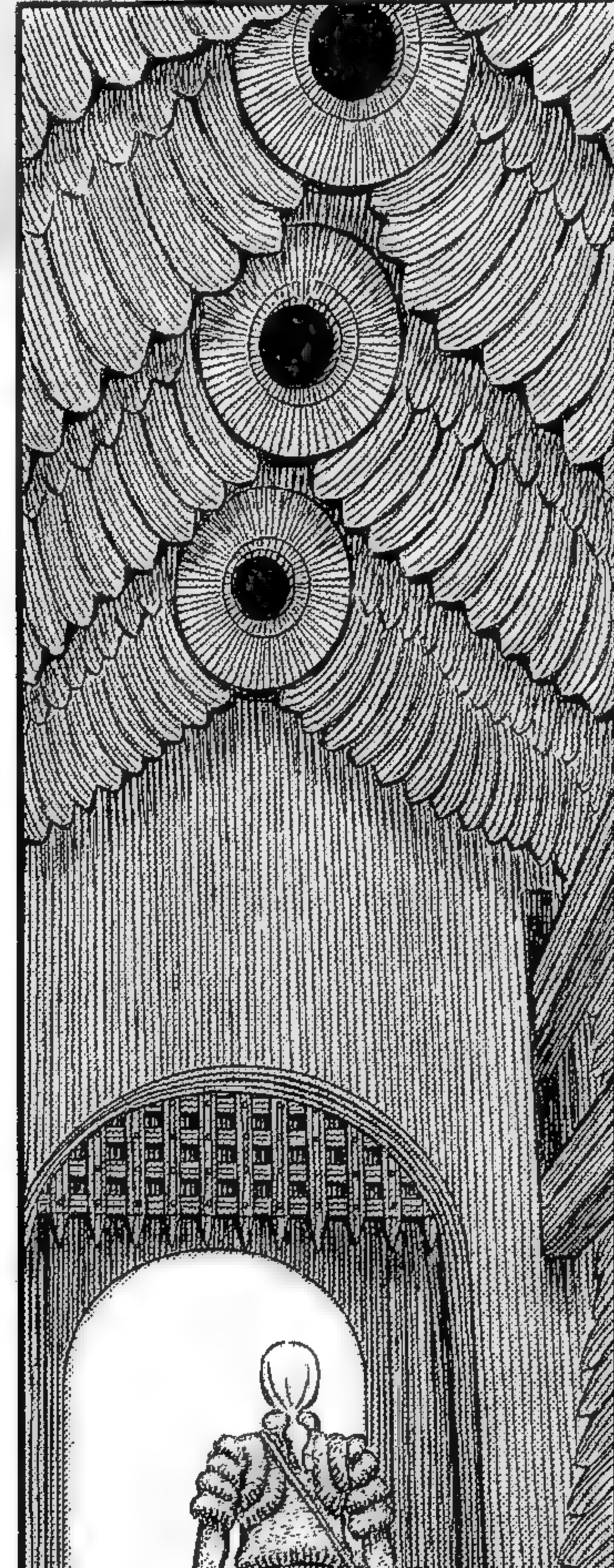
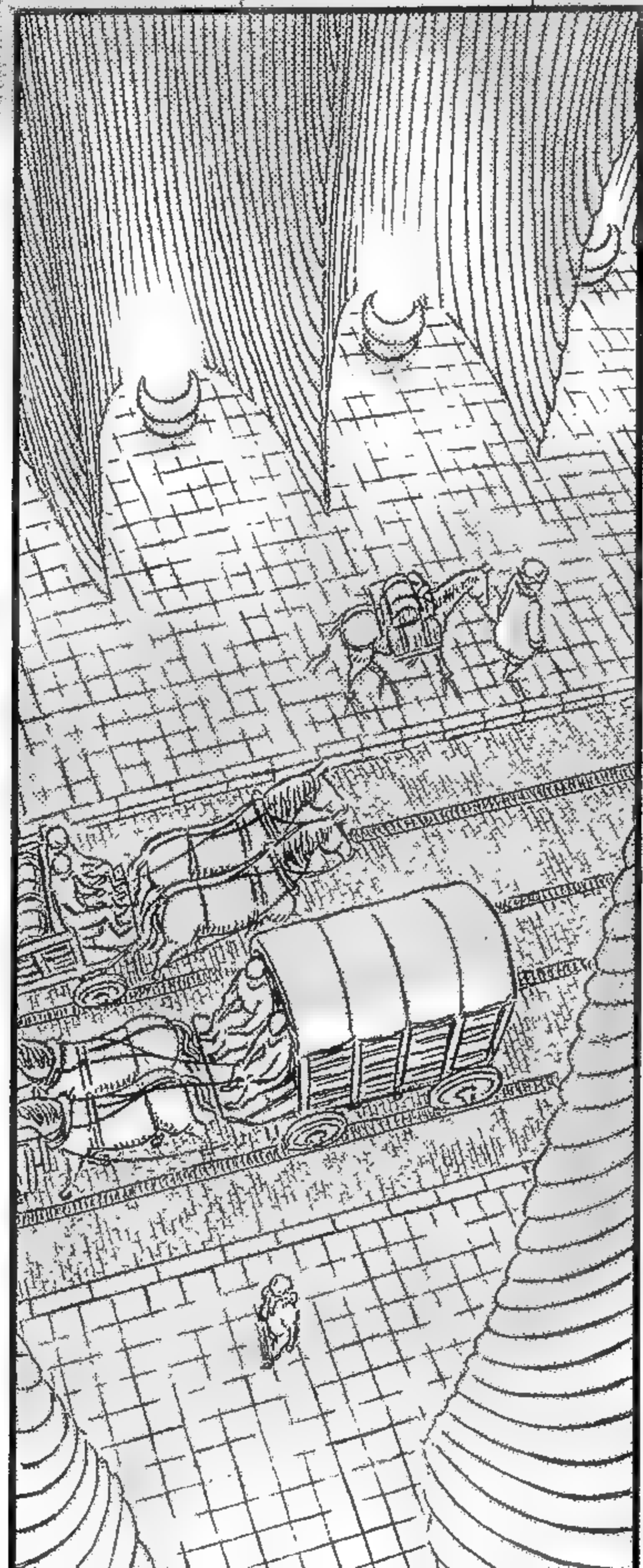
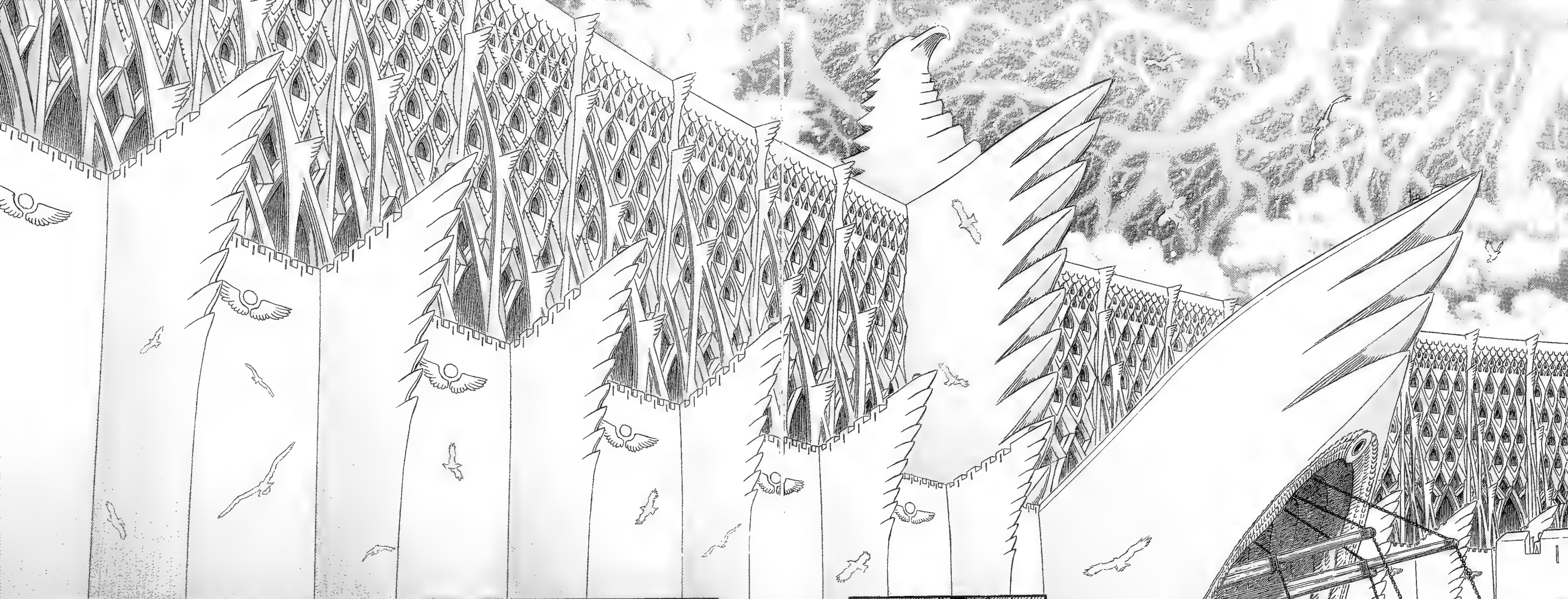
王権神授

THE DIVINE RIGHT
OF KINGS

STURDINESS
WILL ONLY
GET YOU
SO FAR.







PLEASE
WAIT
HERE
BRIEFLY.

THE HAWK'S CITY--THE HAWK'S CASTLE.

FALCONIA...

AS IF IT WERE ORDERED JUST FOR GRIFFITH.

...WHERE WE SPENT SO MUCH OF OUR TIME.

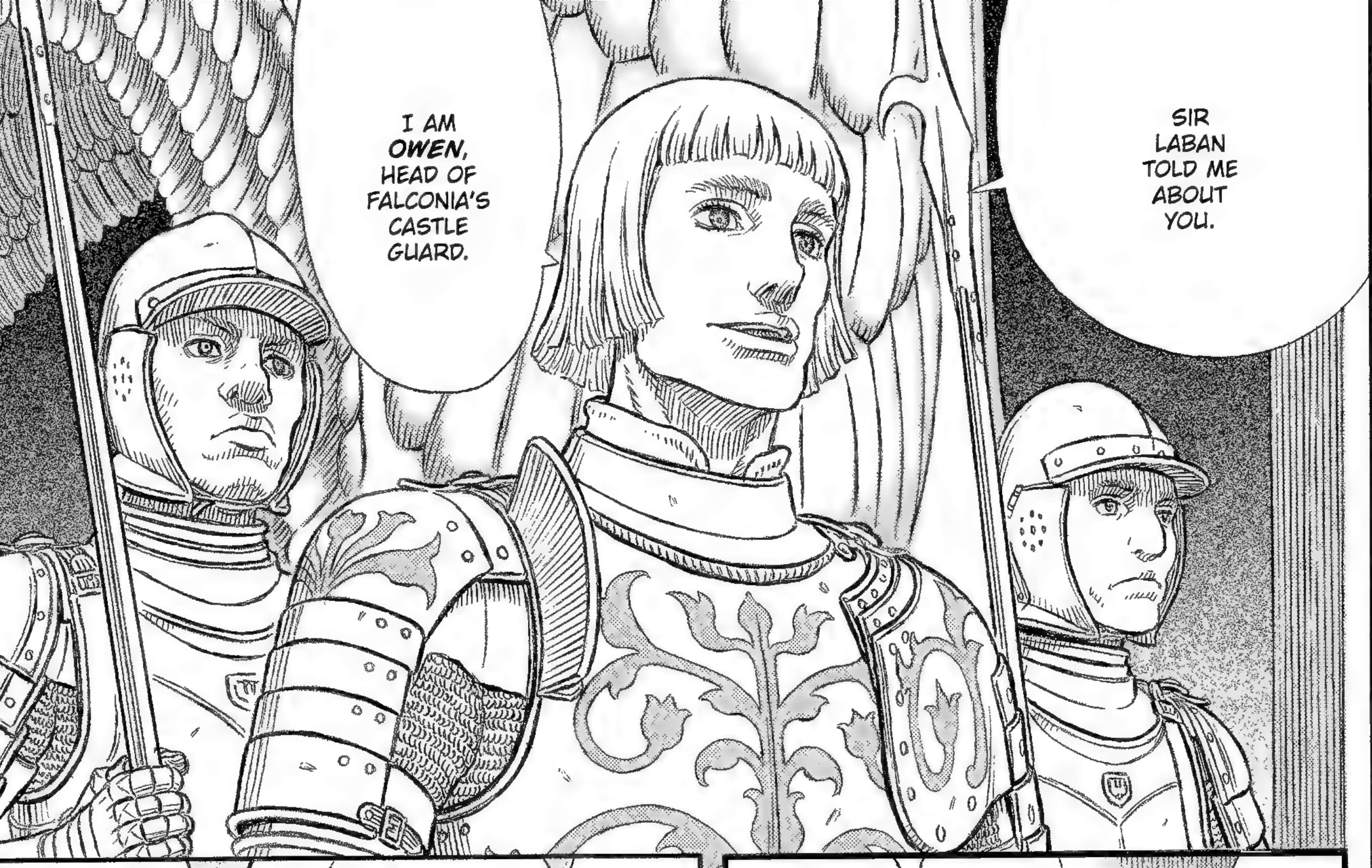
THERE'S NOTHING LEFT OF THE OLD WINDHAM CASTLE...

IT'S ALL GONE.

ARE YOU RICK-ERT?

!

...THIS CASTLE HAS A DIFFERENT ARCHITECTURAL STYLE THAN THE CITY BELOW.



I AM
OWEN,
HEAD OF
FALCONIA'S
CASTLE
GUARD.

SIR
LABAN
TOLD ME
ABOUT
YOU.



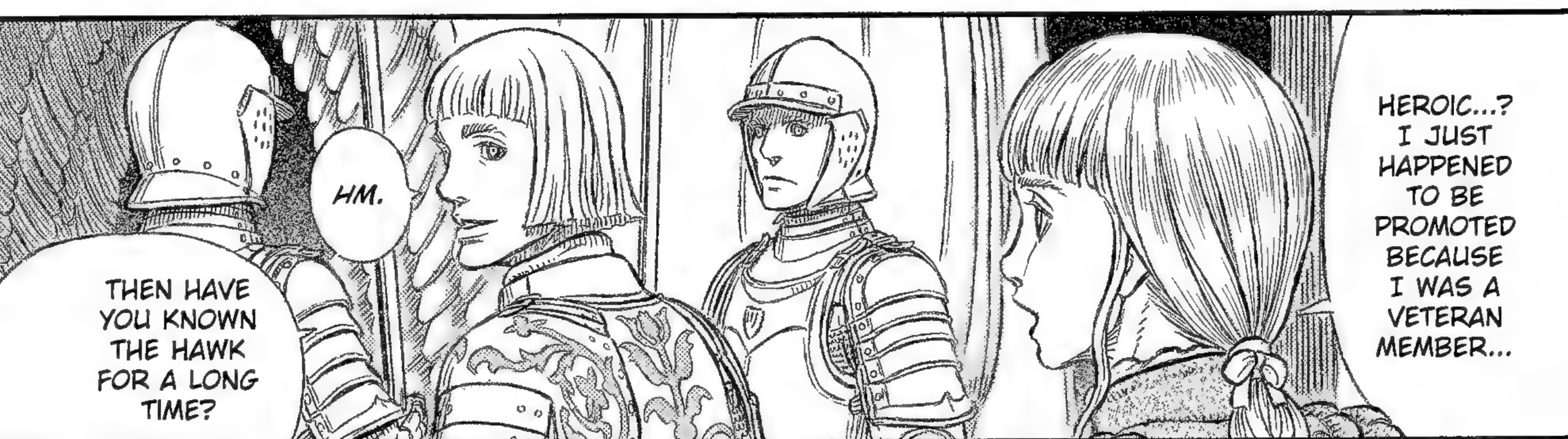
...OUR
KINGDOM'S
HEROIC
SAVIORS.
I'LL BE
YOUR
GUIDE.

I
WANTED
TO
SHOW MY
RESPECT
FOR A
UNIT
COMMANDER
OF THE
OLD BAND
OF THE
HAWK...

YOU...
NEEDN'T
HAVE
COME IN
PERSON,
MILORD.

GENERAL
OWEN?!

NO
NEED
FOR
FORMAL-
ITY.



HM.

THEN HAVE
YOU KNOWN
THE HAWK
FOR A LONG
TIME?

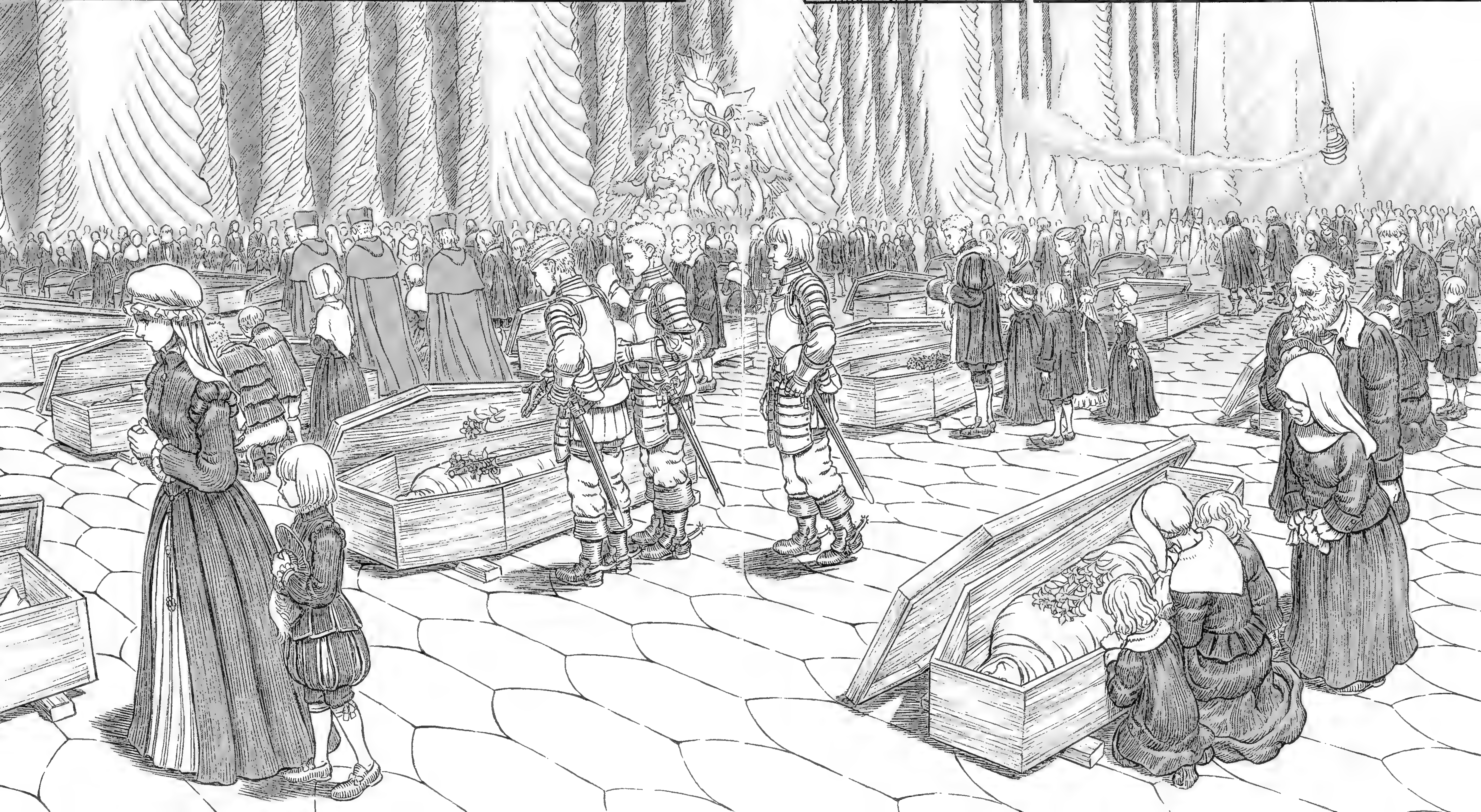
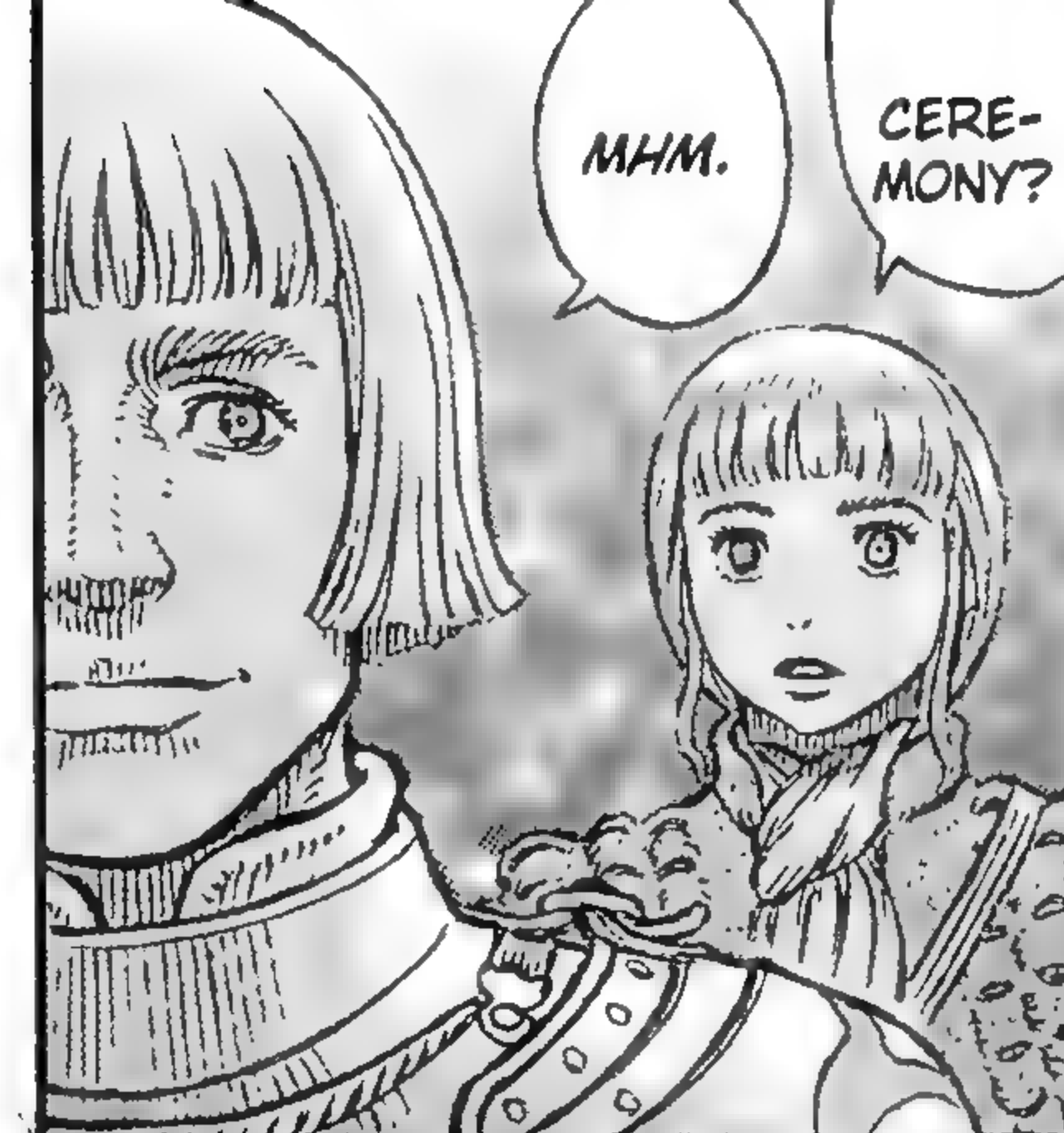
HEROIC...?
I JUST
HAPPENED
TO BE
PROMOTED
BECAUSE
I WAS A
VETERAN
MEMBER...

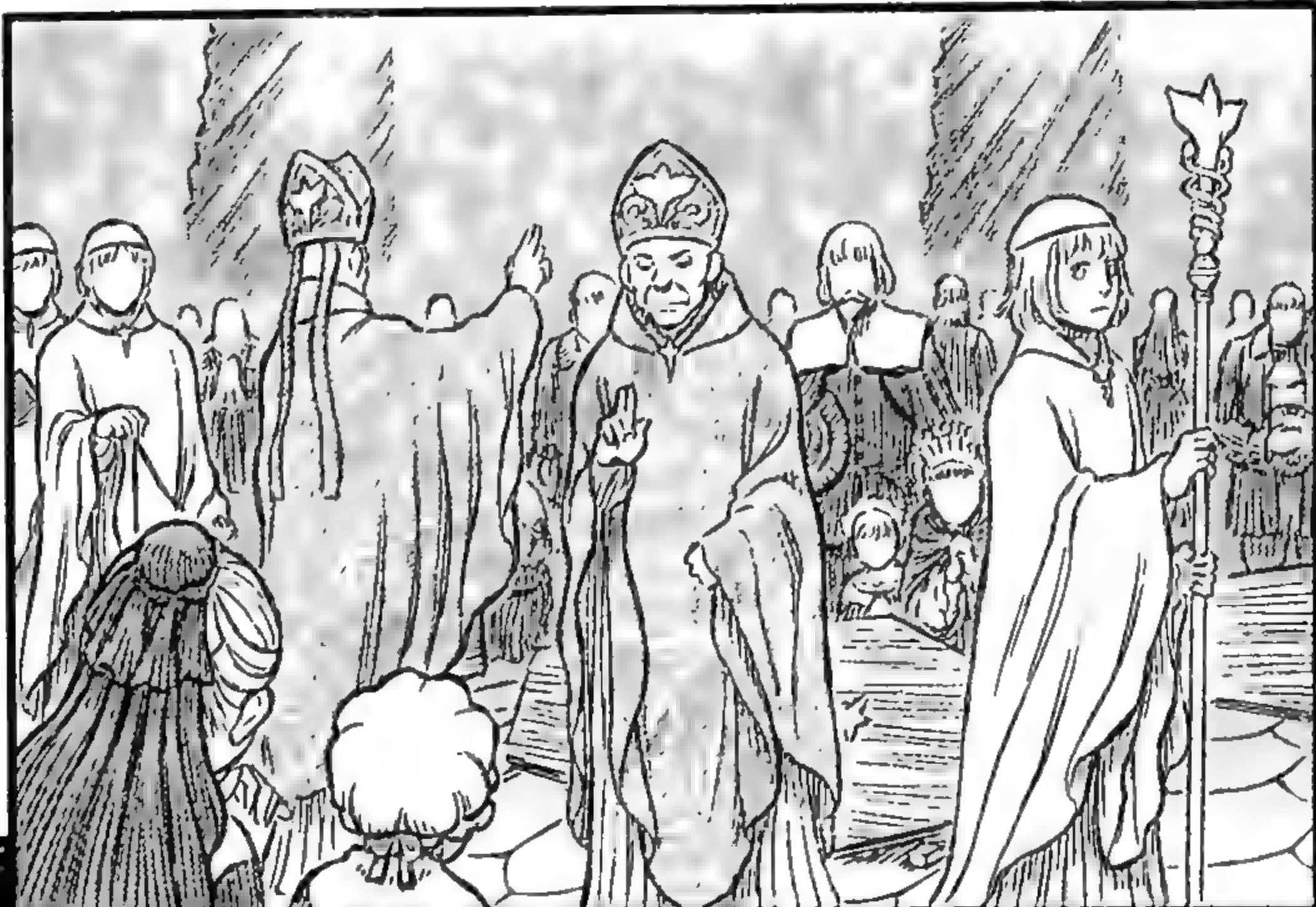
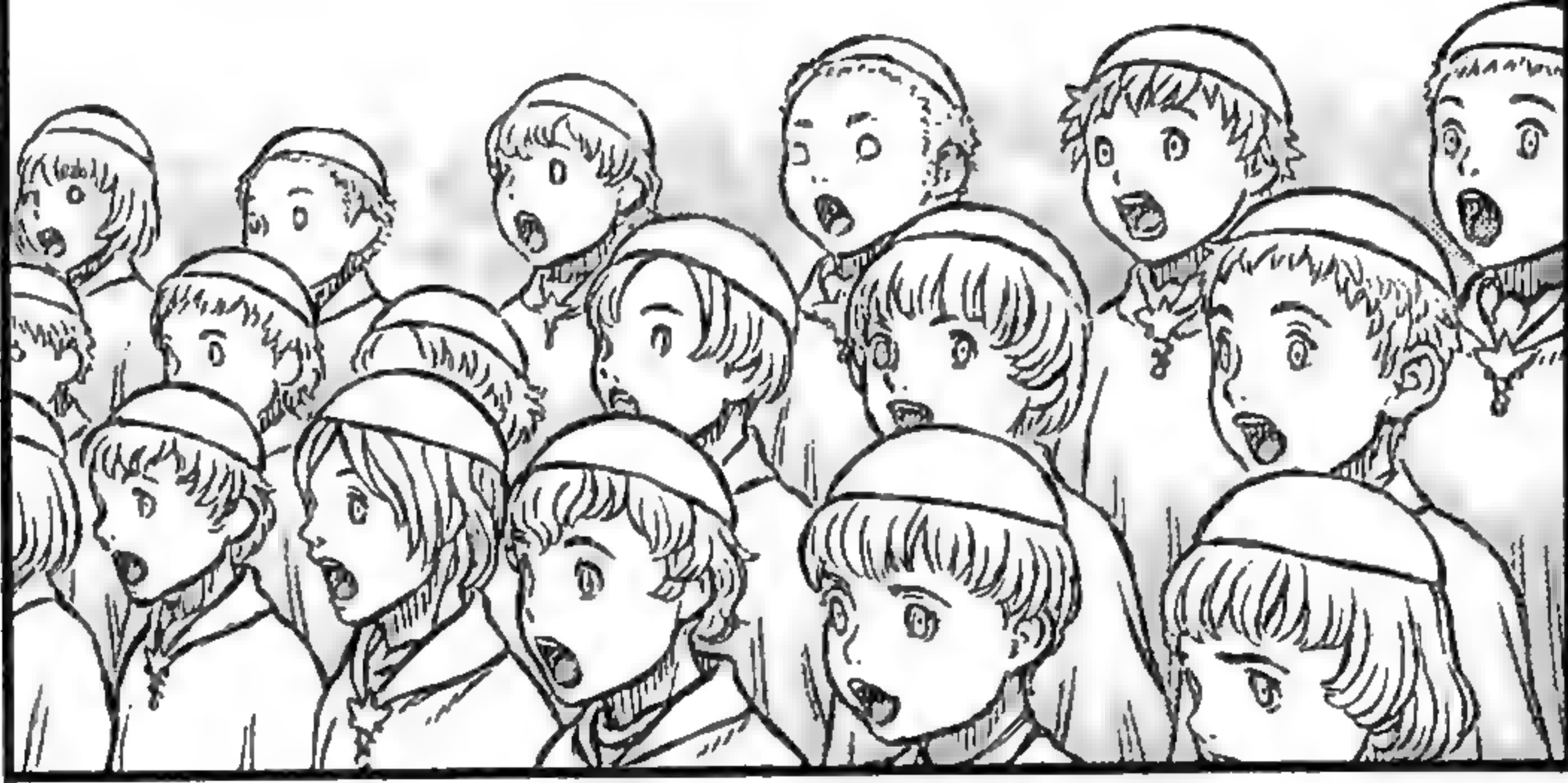


HAHAHA...
I'D LOVE
TO HEAR
MORE
ABOUT
THAT.

EVER
SINCE WE
WERE THE
LOWLY
"BANDITS
OF THE
HAWK".

YES,
SIR.





CHILDREN
OF
MOTHERS.

CHILDREN
OF
FATHERS.

O SOULS
OF THE
DEAD NOW
GATHERED
IN THE
HOUSE OF
GOD.

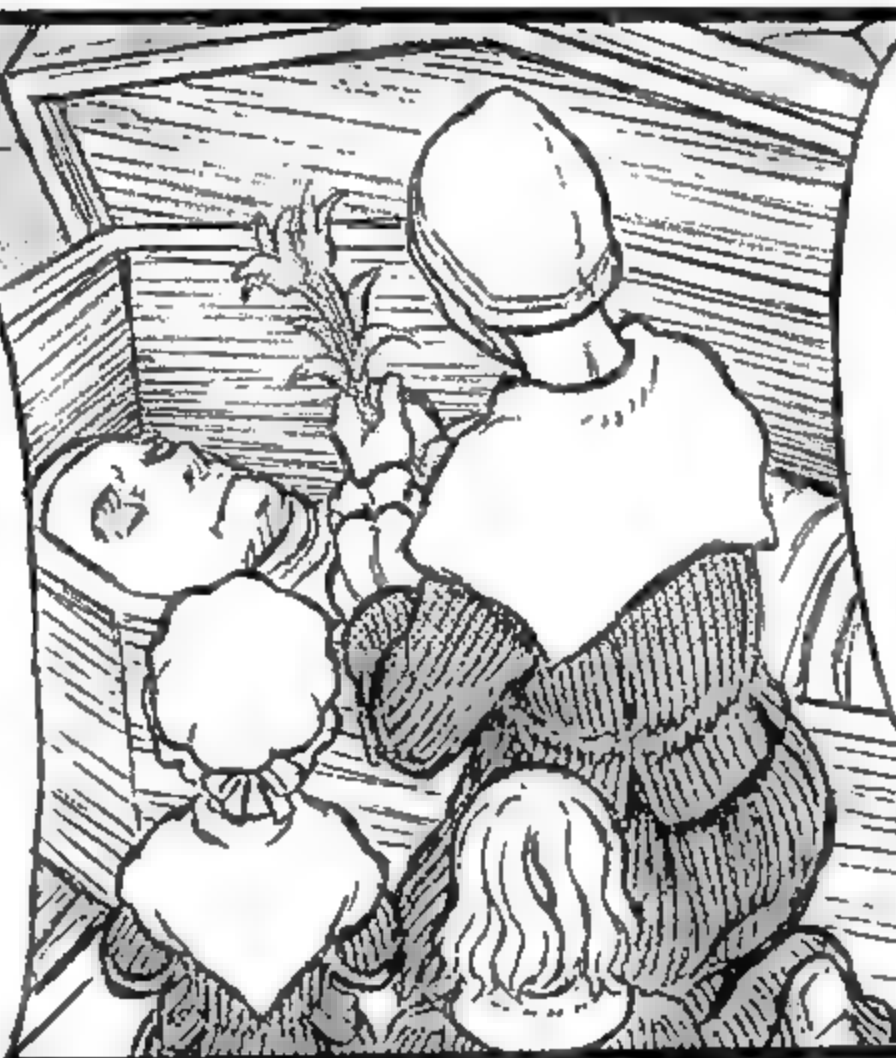
WHEN
YOU MAKE
THE BLESSED
DEPARTURE
TO BE IN
GOD'S
PRESENCE,
LET IT NOT
BE A PARTING
OF SORROW
OR PITY.



WHAT
IS
THIS...?

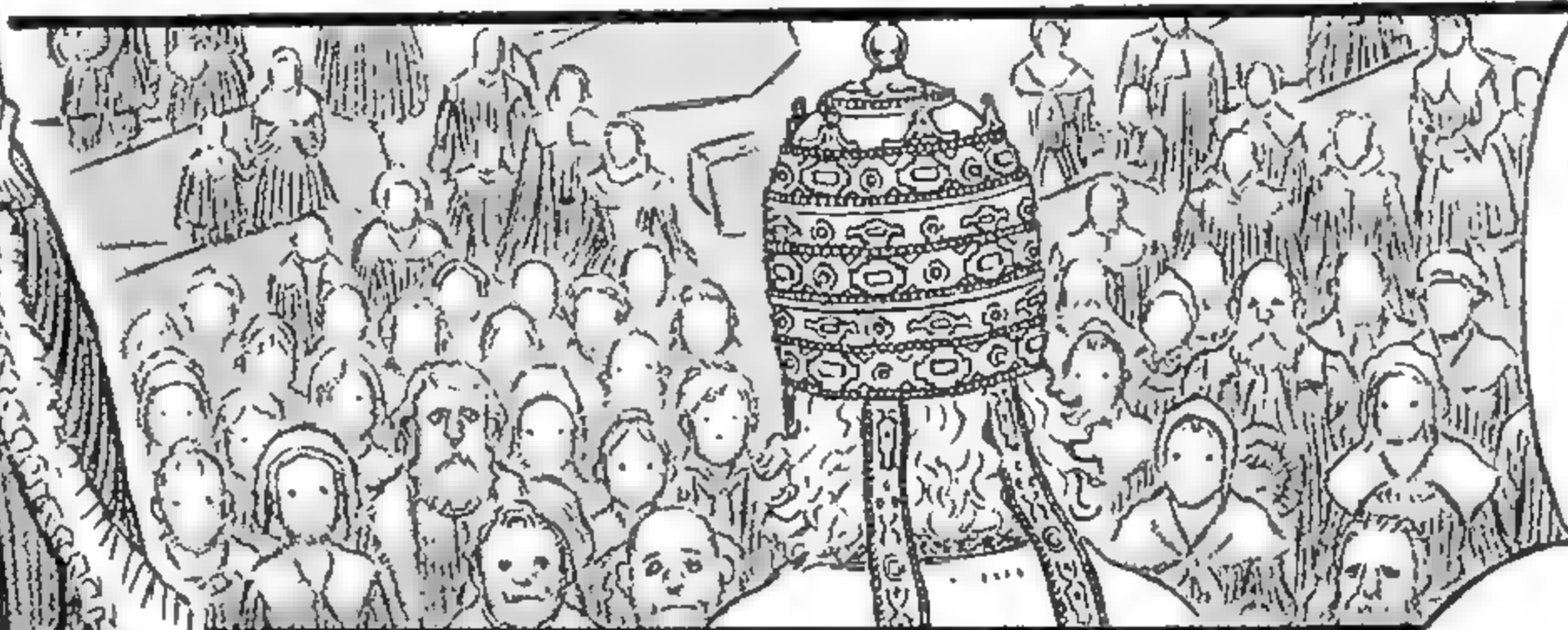
A FUNERAL.
RELATIVES ARE SAYING
THEIR FINAL FAREWELLS
TO THOSE WHO DIED
EN ROUTE TO THE CAPITAL,
AND TO THE SOLDIERS WHO
DIED ESCORTING THEM.

HER
HIGHNESS
PRINCESS
CHARLOTTE
ALSO
ATTENDS
THE
SERVICES.



IT'S
EXCEPTIONAL
TREATMENT,
FOR
COMMON
SUBJECTS.

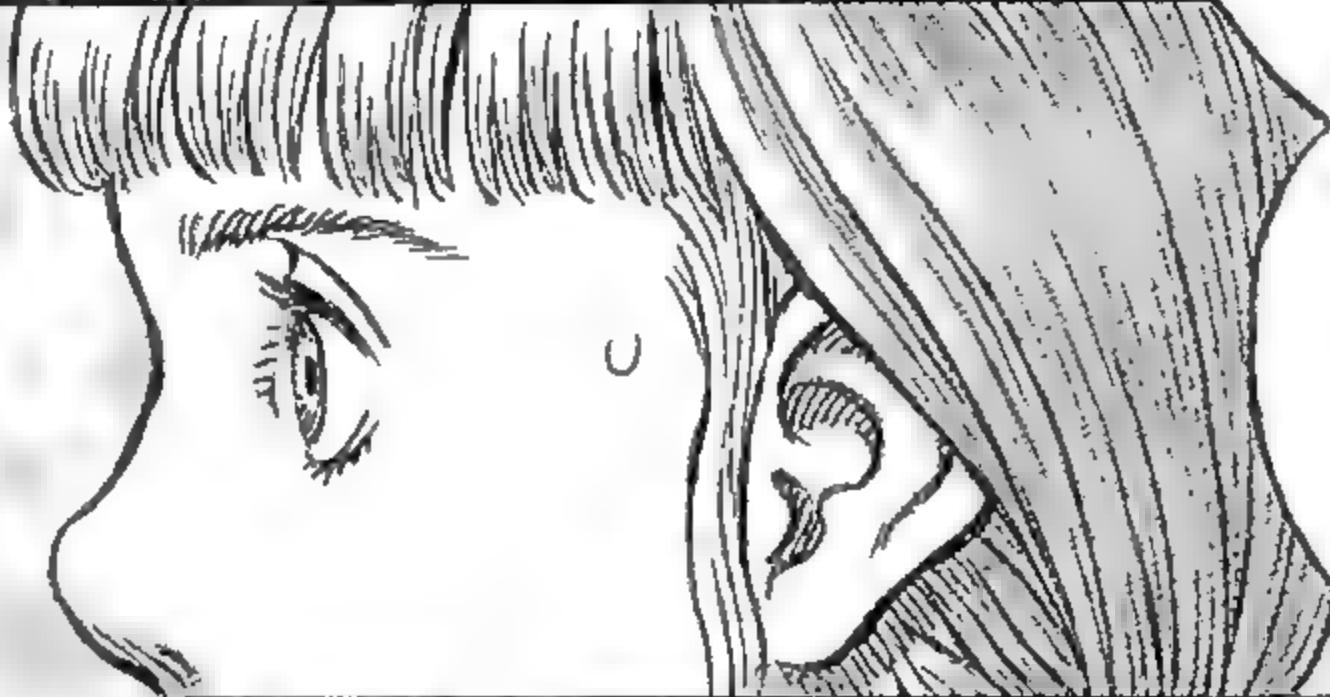
THE
BODIES OF
ALL WHO DIE
EN ROUTE
TO FALCONIA
TEMPORARILY
LIE IN STATE
IN THIS
CASTLE.



AND
HIS HOLINESS
THE
PONTIFF
IS HERE.

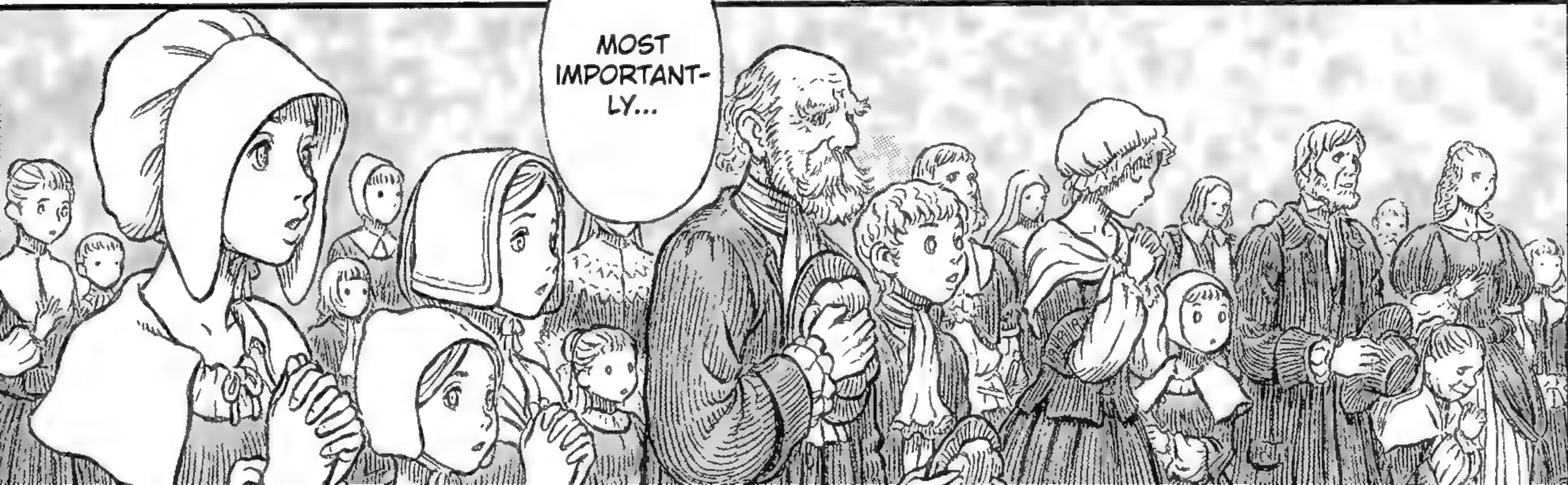


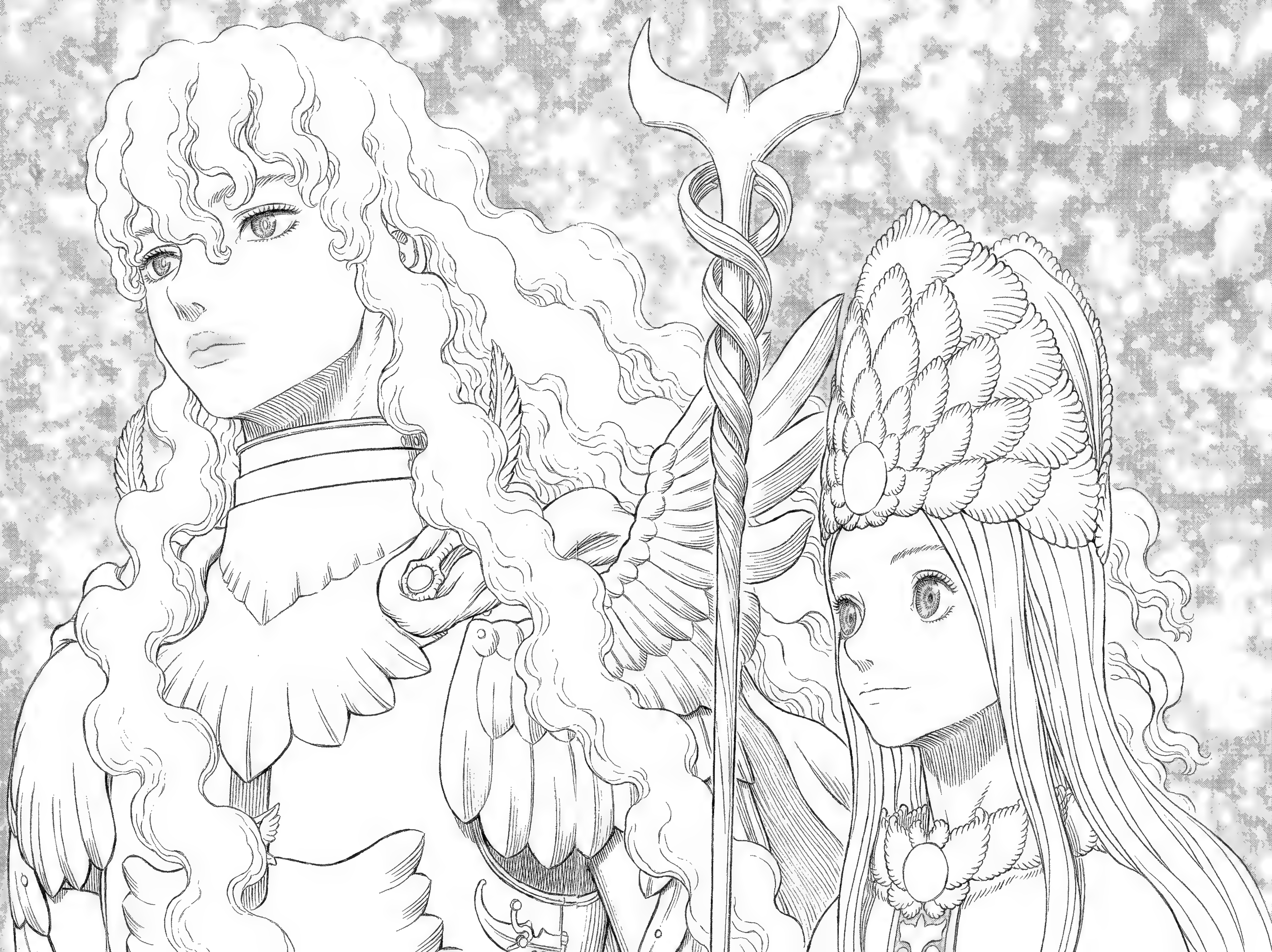
WHILE
IT IS A MASS
FUNERAL, THE
HIGHEST-
RANKING
PRIEST OF
THE HOLY SEE
PERFORMS
THE CEREMONY
PERSONALLY.

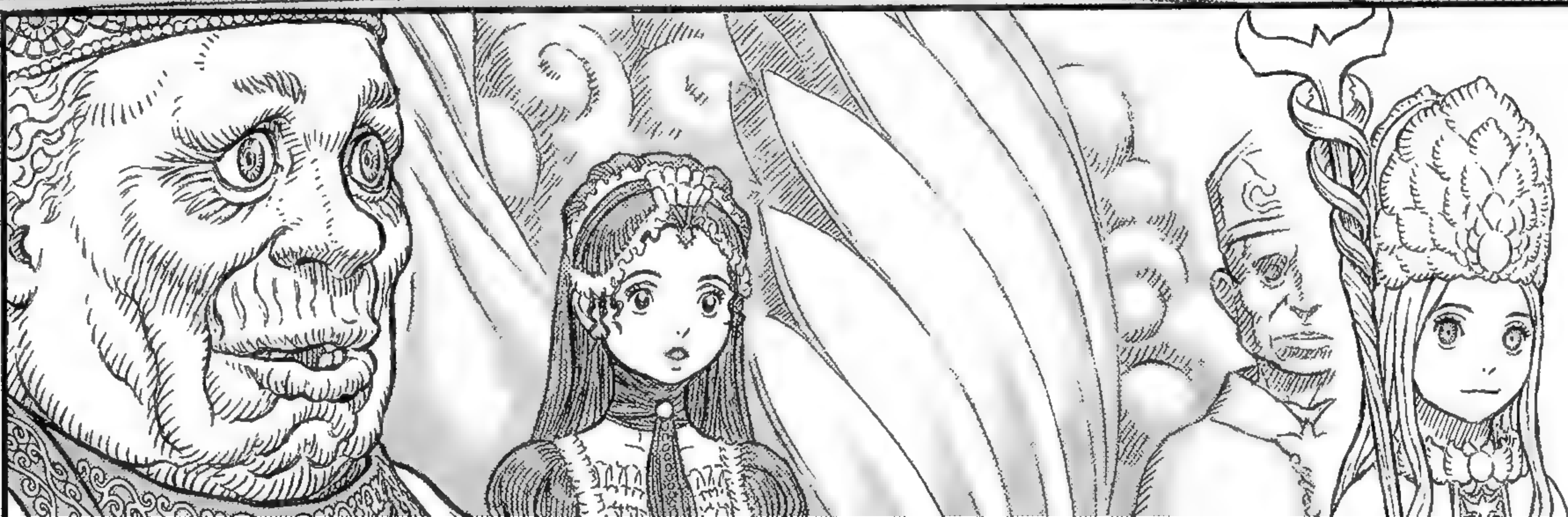
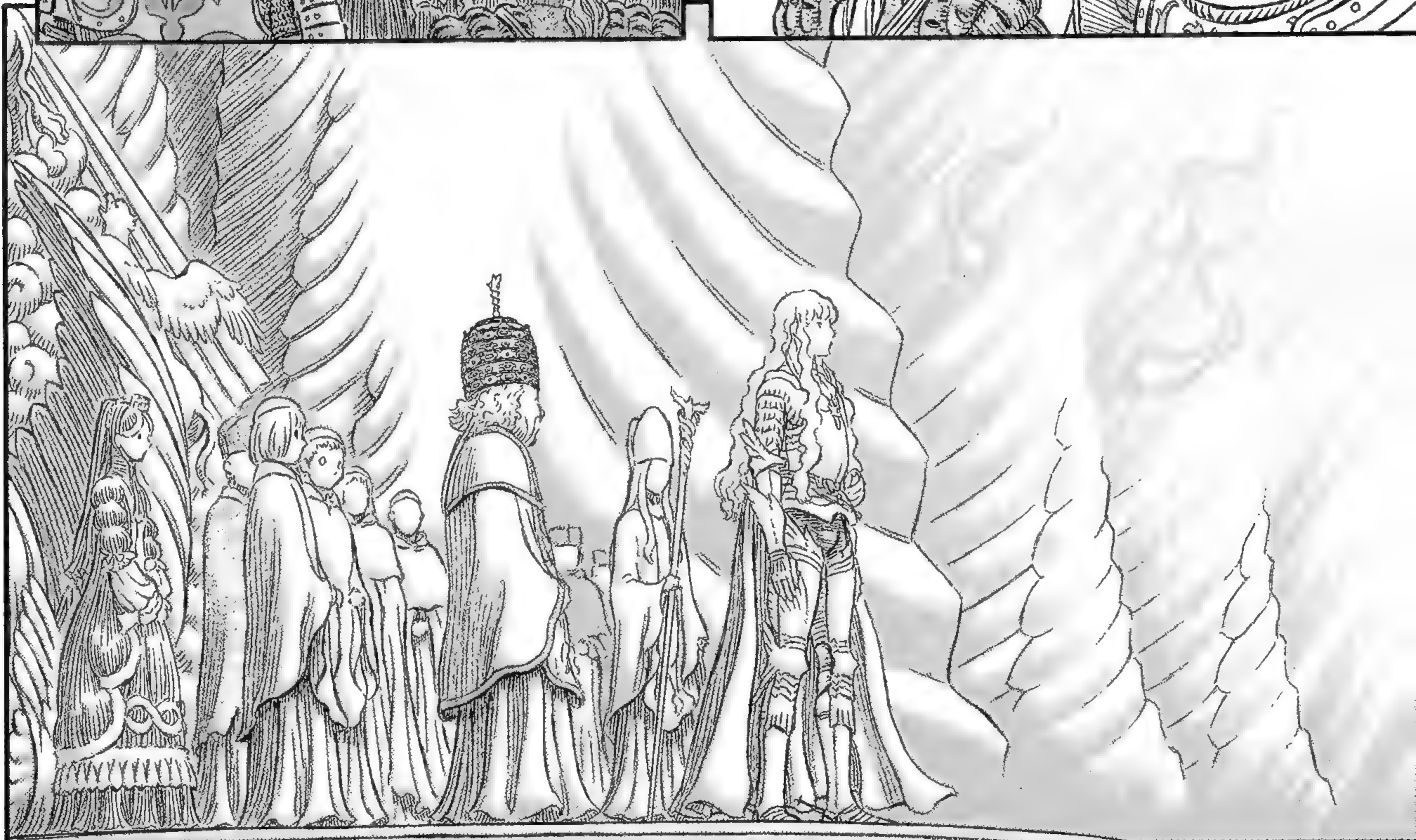
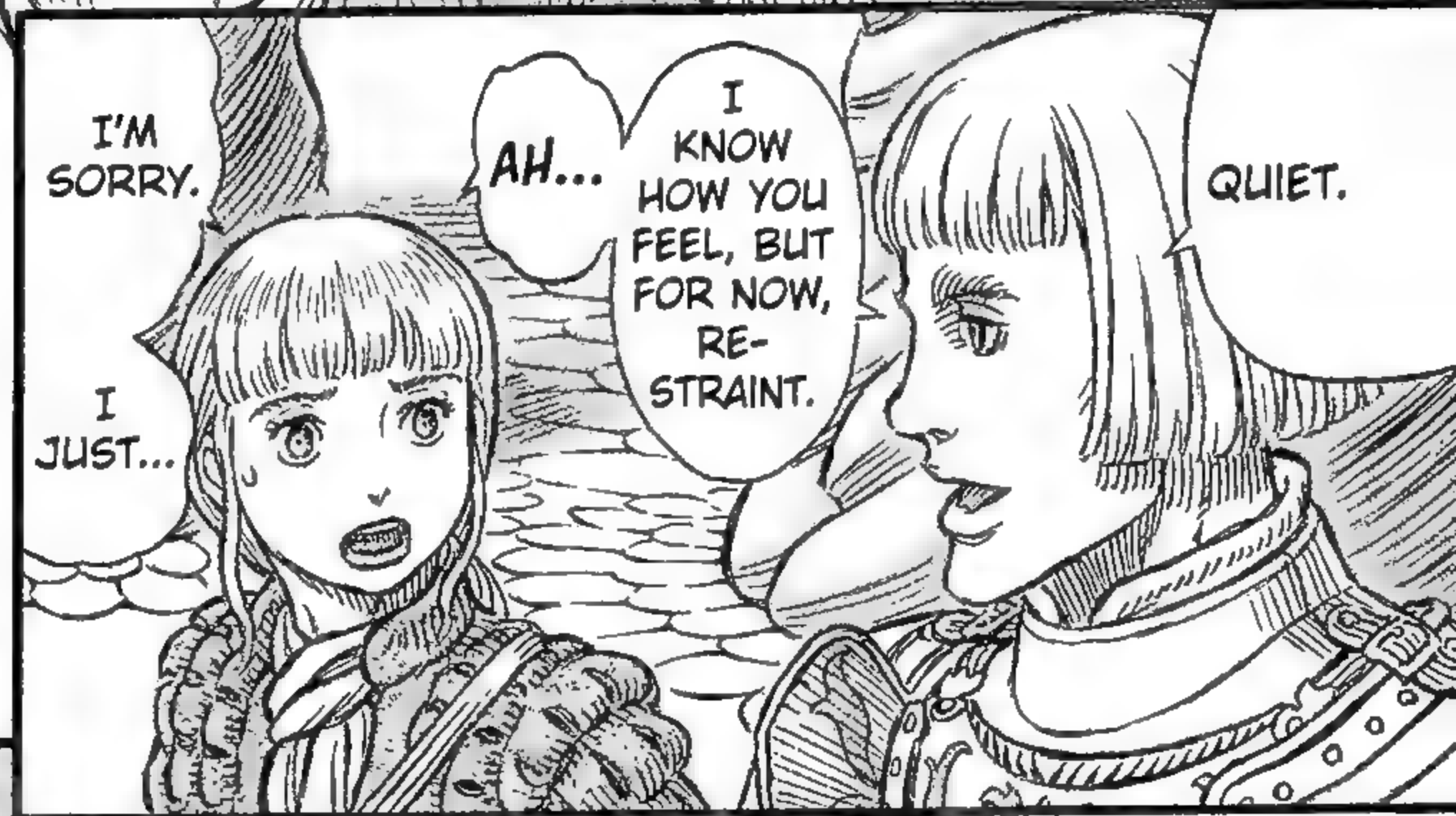
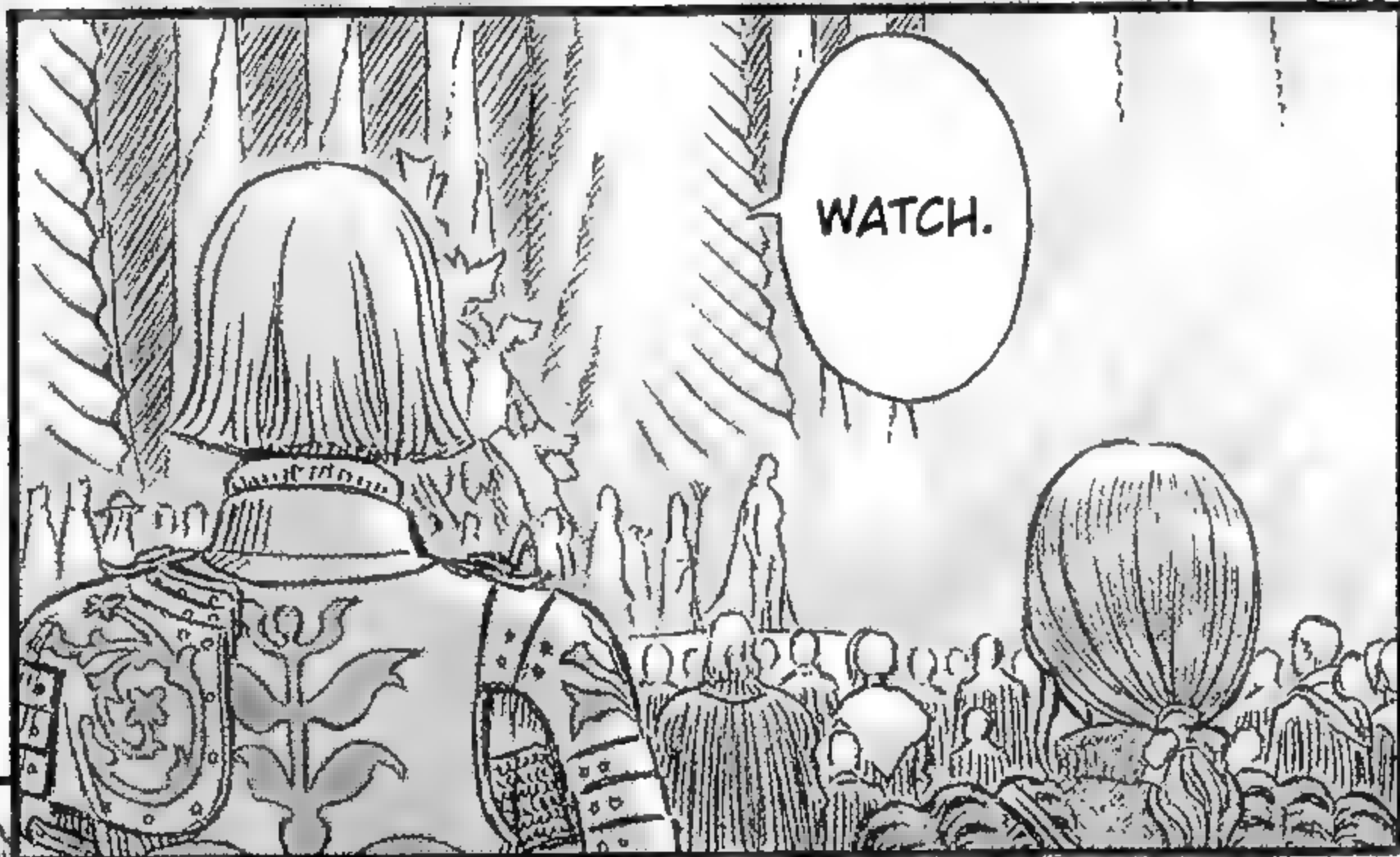
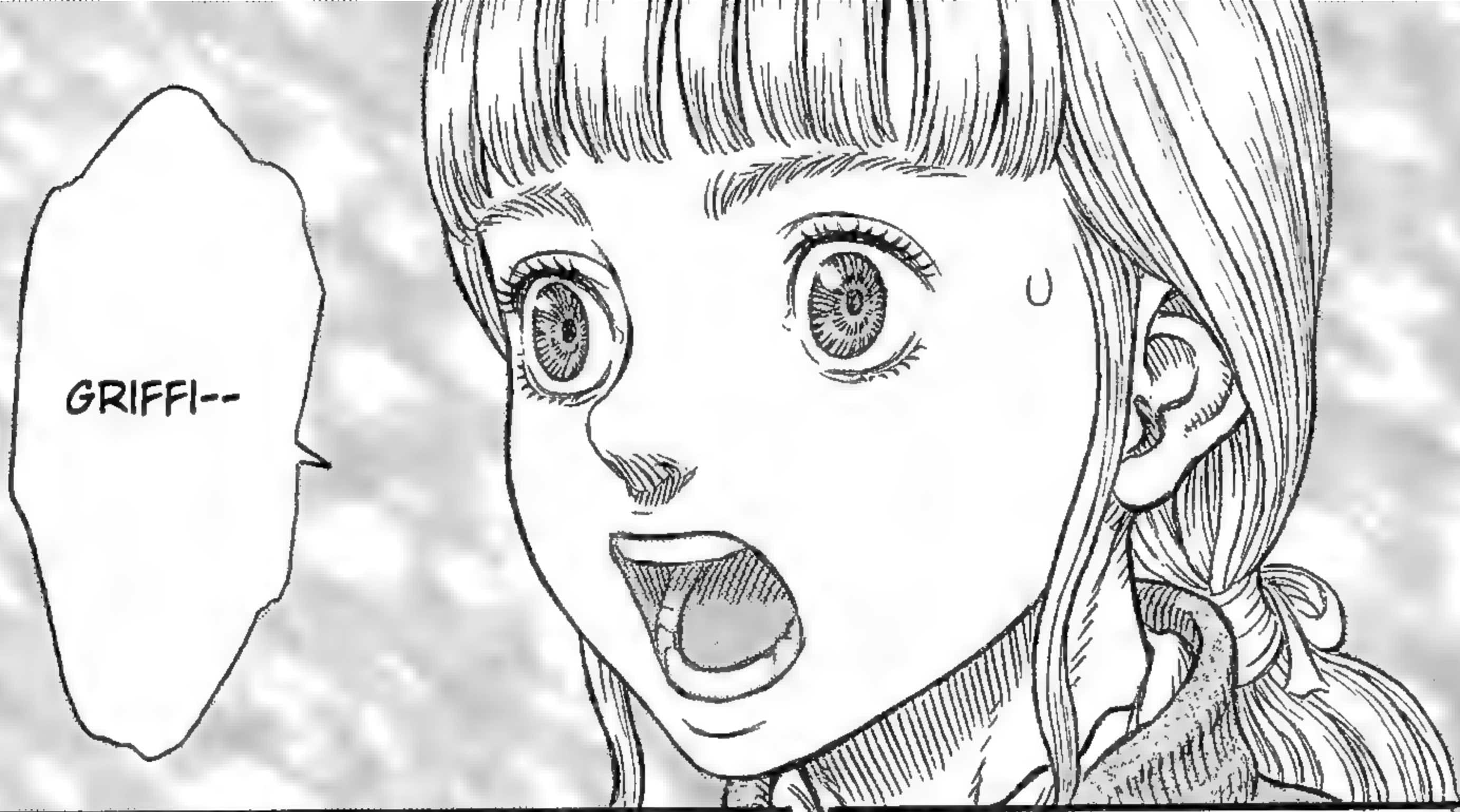


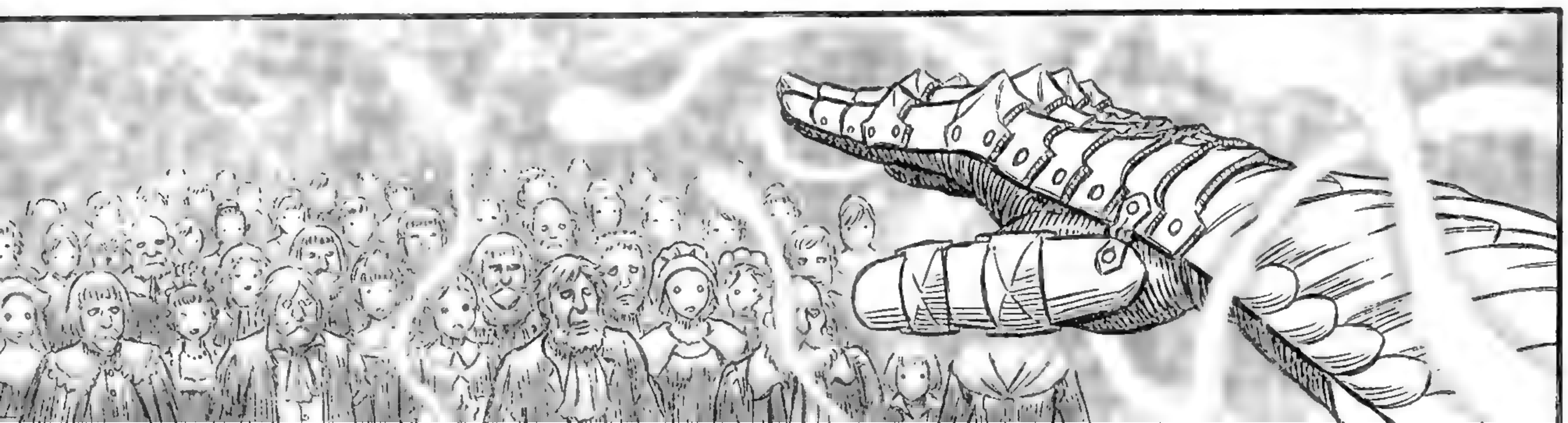
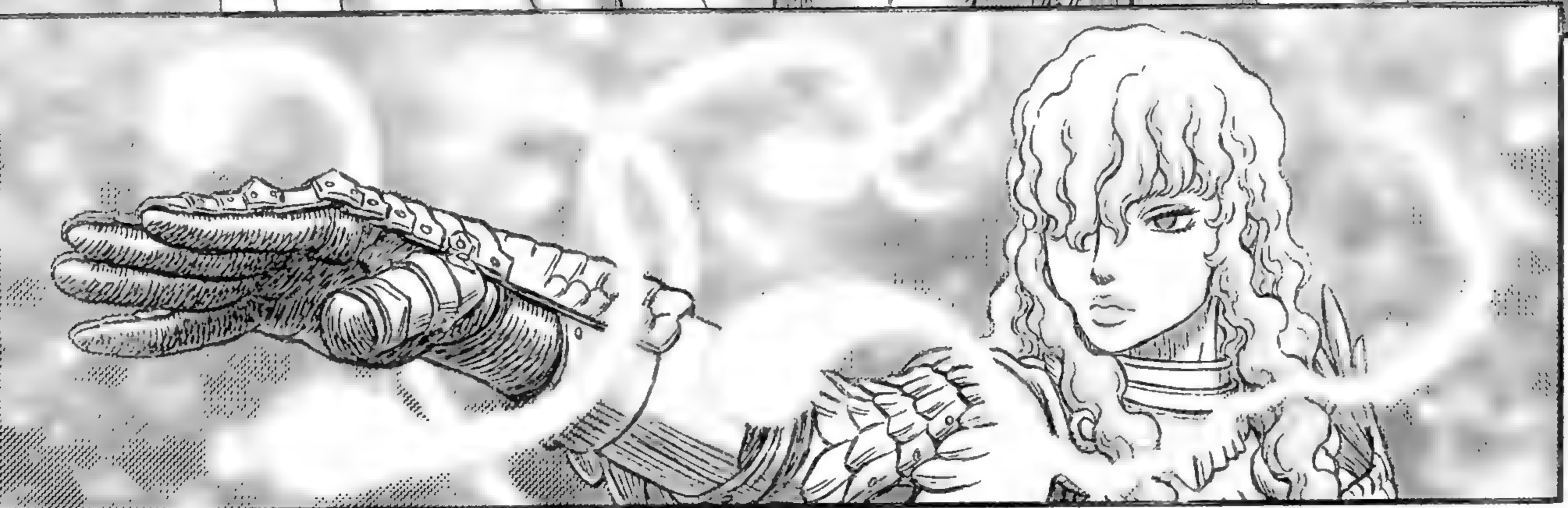
BUT...

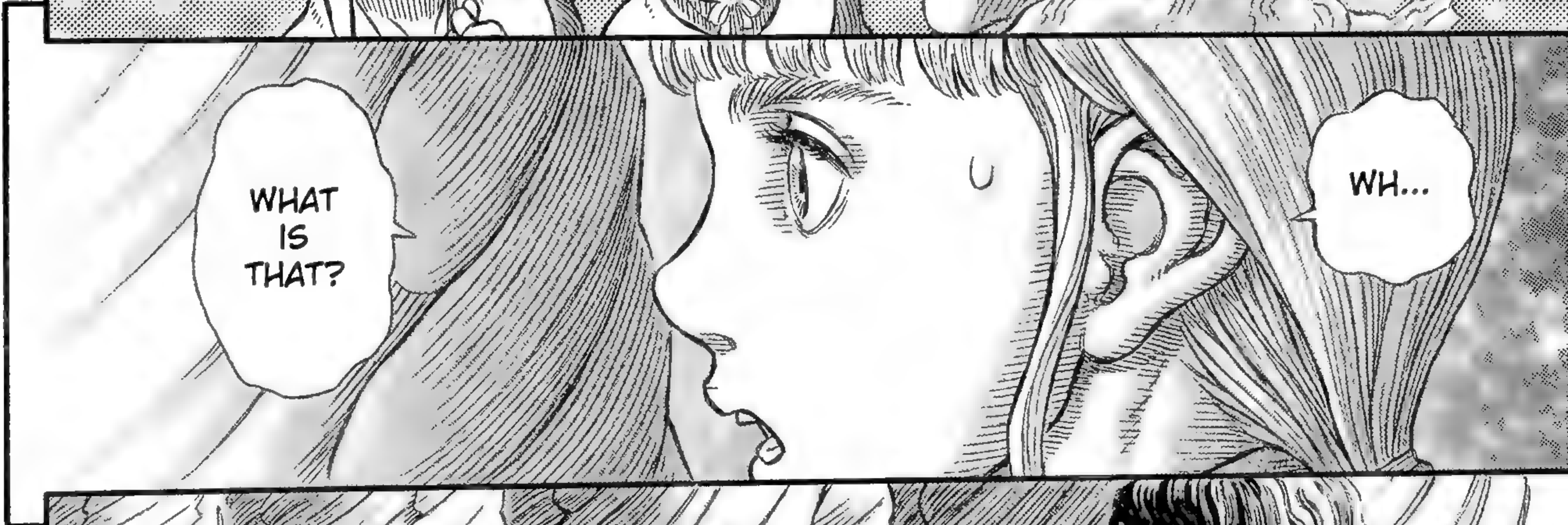
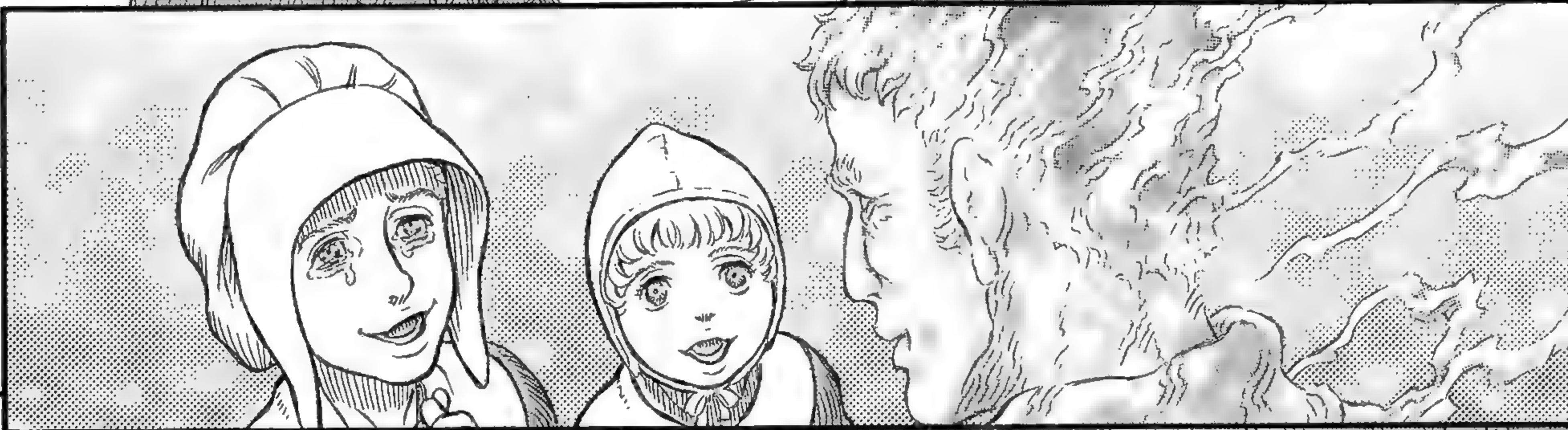
MOST
IMPORTANT-
LY...









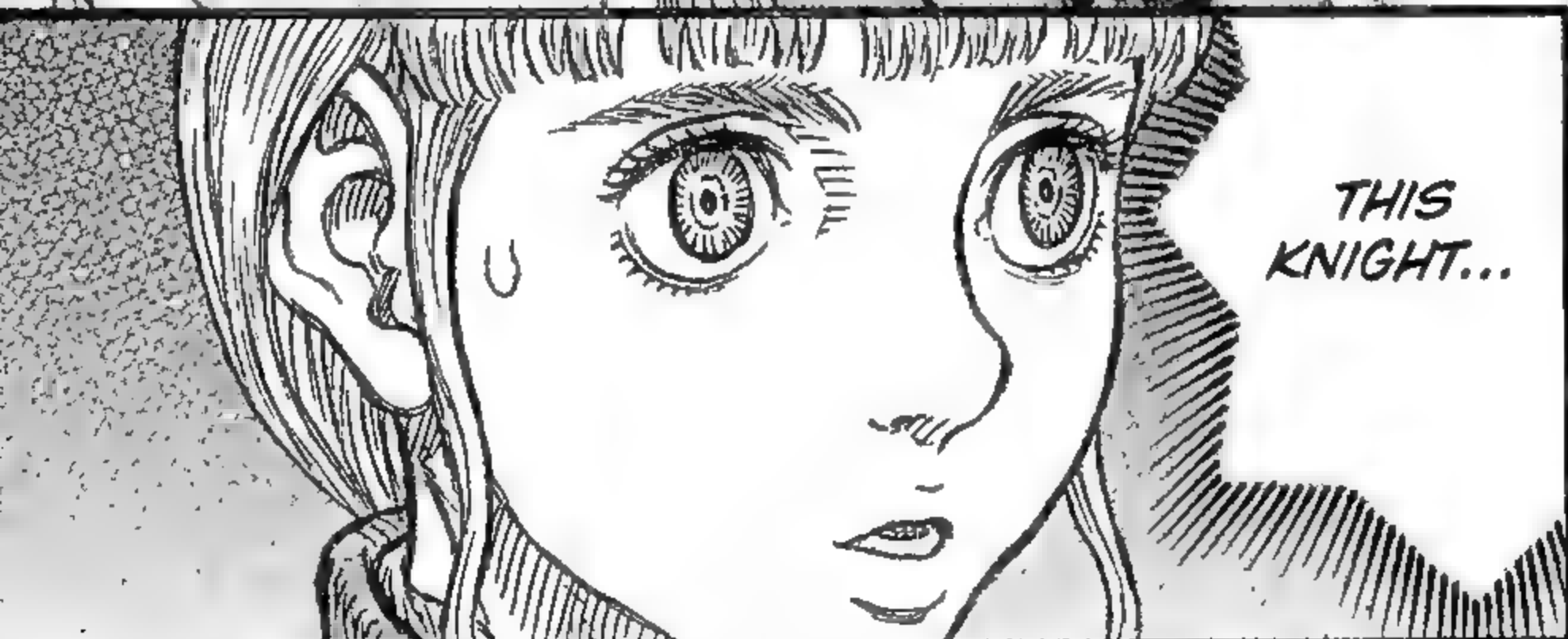




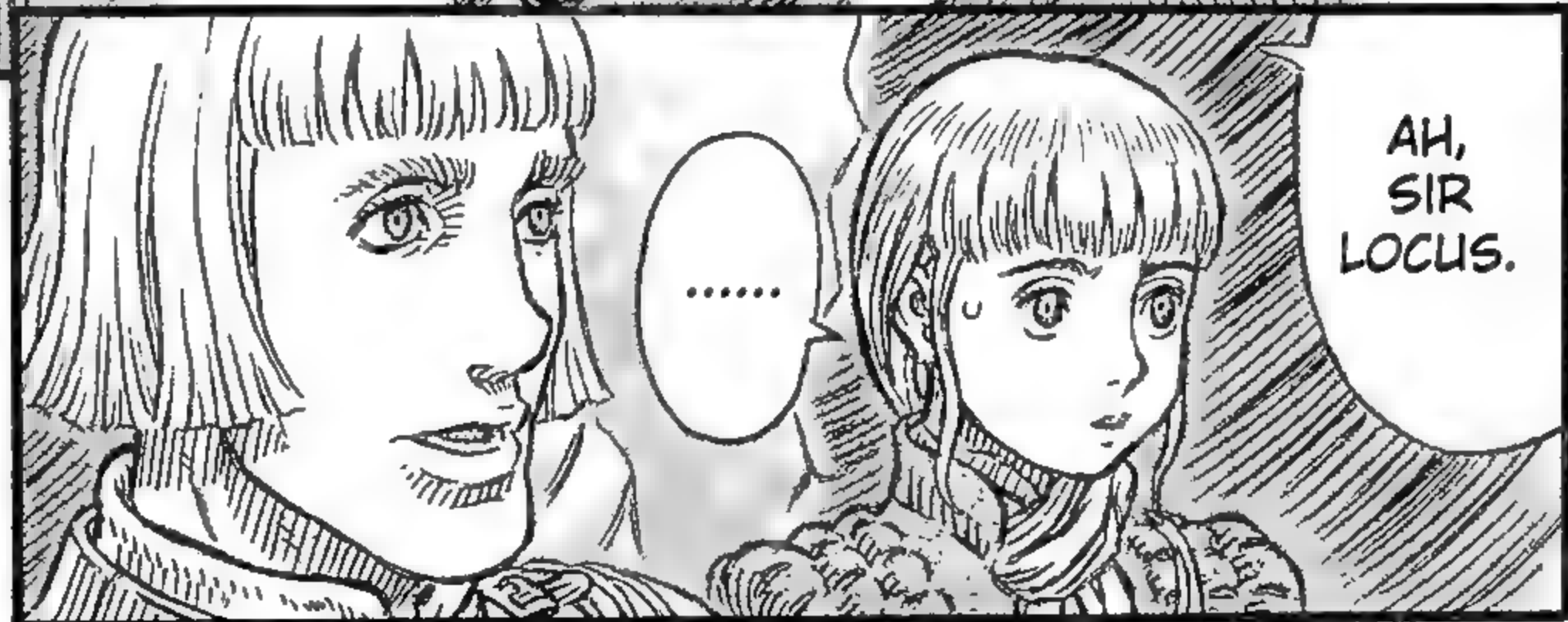
...WITNESSING
WHAT
LIES...

THE
PEOPLE
ARE
NOW...

...BEYOND
THE EDGE
OF THIS
LIFE.

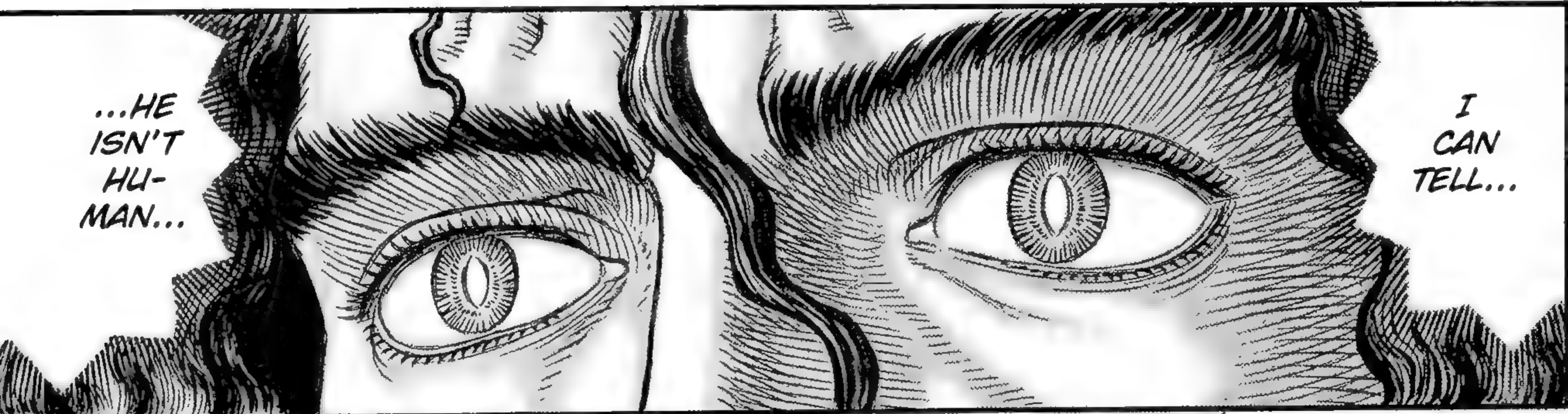


THIS
KNIGHT...



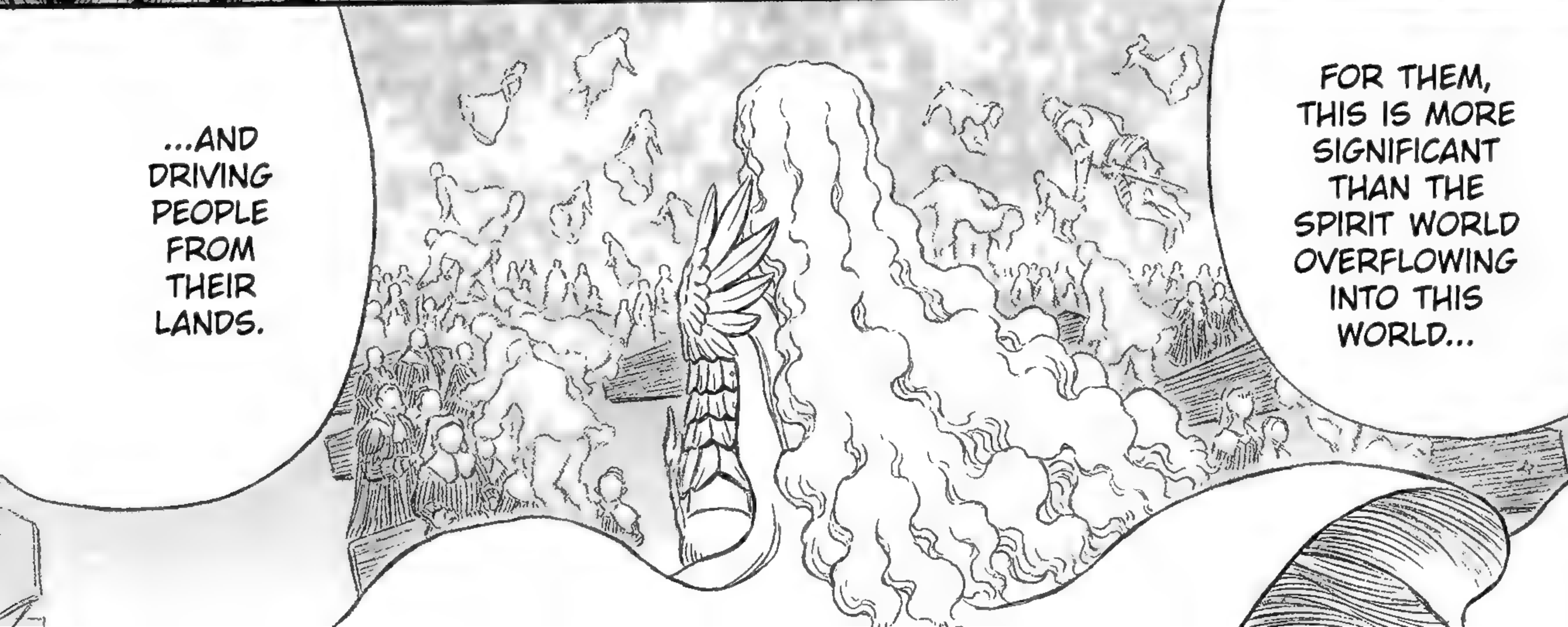
.....

AH,
SIR
LOCUS.



...HE
ISN'T
HU-
MAN...

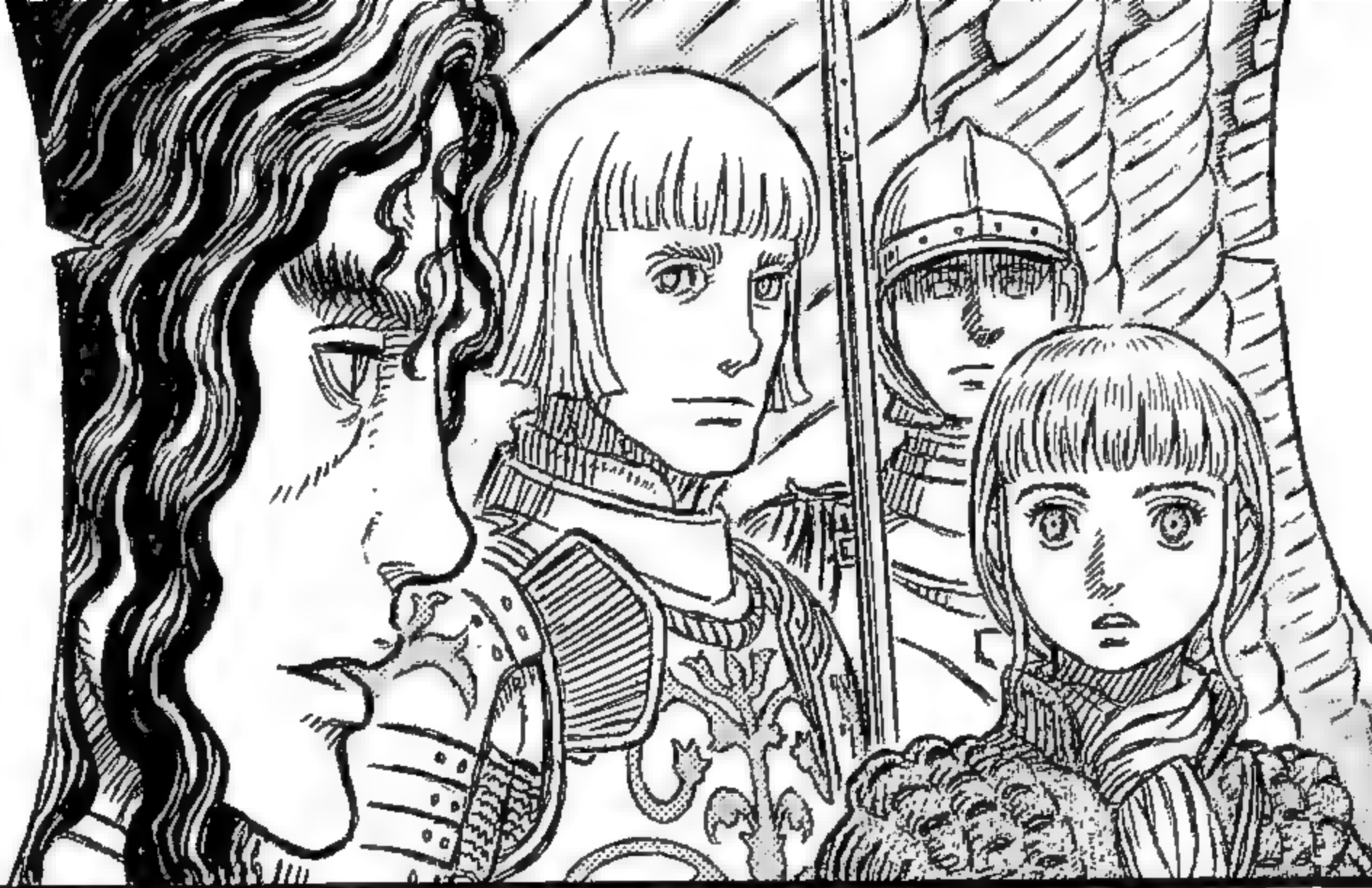
I
CAN
TELL...



...AND
DRIVING
PEOPLE
FROM
THEIR
LANDS.

FOR THEM,
THIS IS MORE
SIGNIFICANT
THAN THE
SPIRIT WORLD
OVERFLOWING
INTO THIS
WORLD...

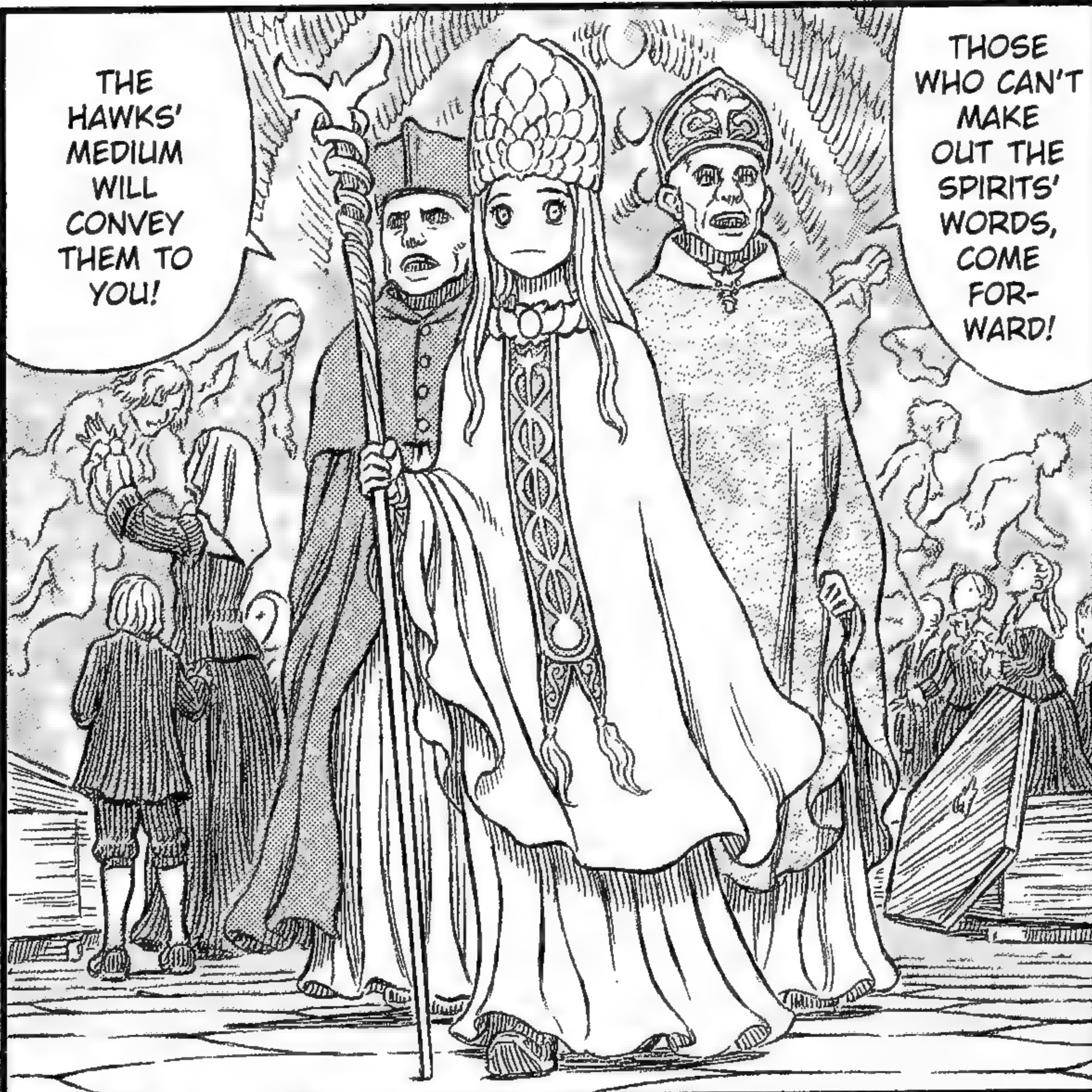
BEING
CONFRONTED
WITH DEATH
CALLS
PEOPLE'S
LIVES INTO
QUESTION.



WHICH
MEANS
THINGS LIKE
HEAVEN AND
HELL MIGHT
ALSO
EXIST.

DEATH
IS NOT
AN END.
THE SELF
CONTINUES
TO EXIST
BEYOND
IT.

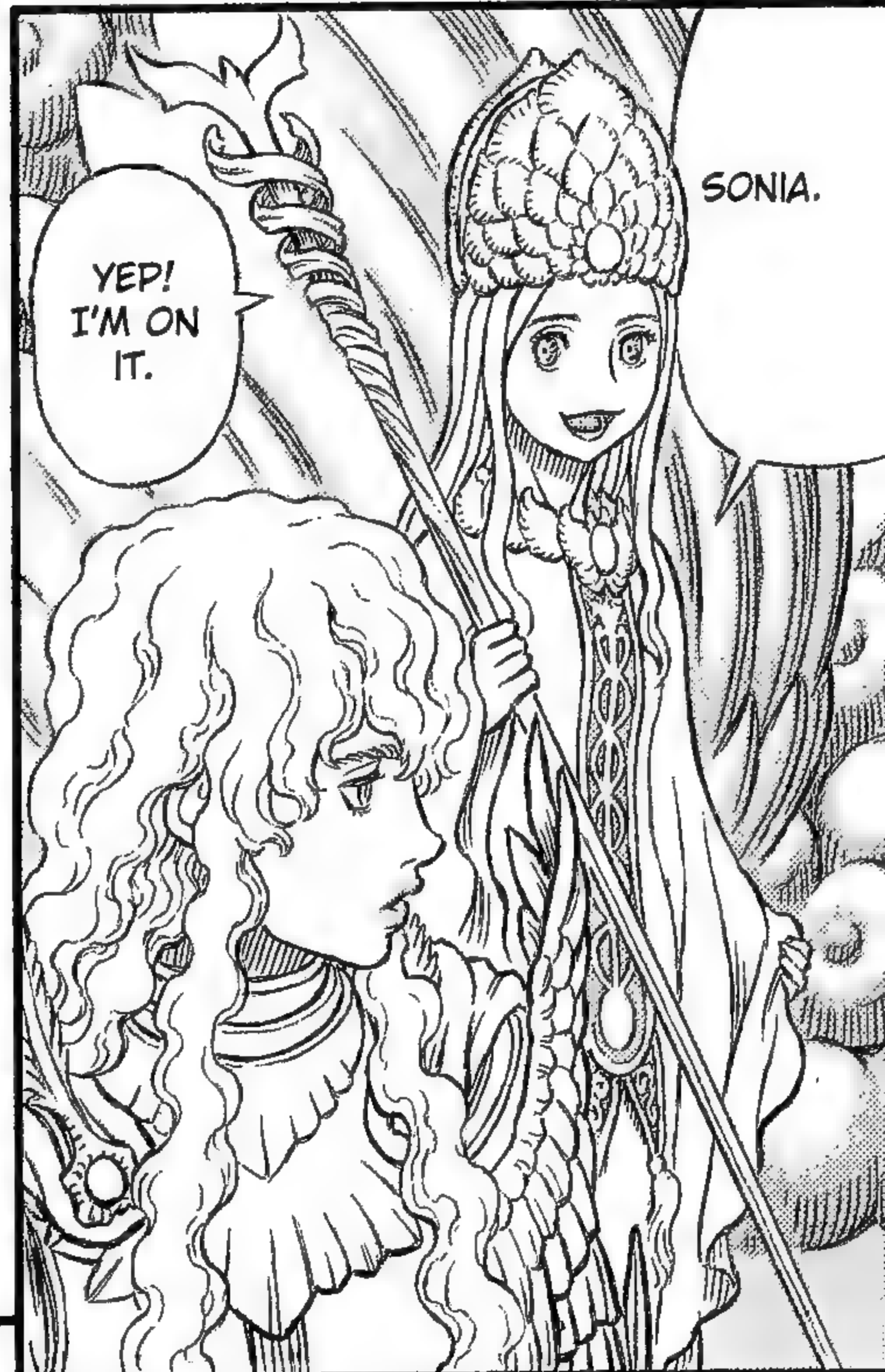
THE
HAWKS'
MEDIUM
WILL
CONVEY
THEM TO
YOU!



THOSE
WHO CAN'T
MAKE
OUT THE
SPIRITS'
WORDS,
COME
FOR-
WARD!

YEP!
I'M ON
IT.

SONIA.



IT'S
A THEME
THAT OFTEN
OCCURS IN
MYTHS AND
LEGENDS.

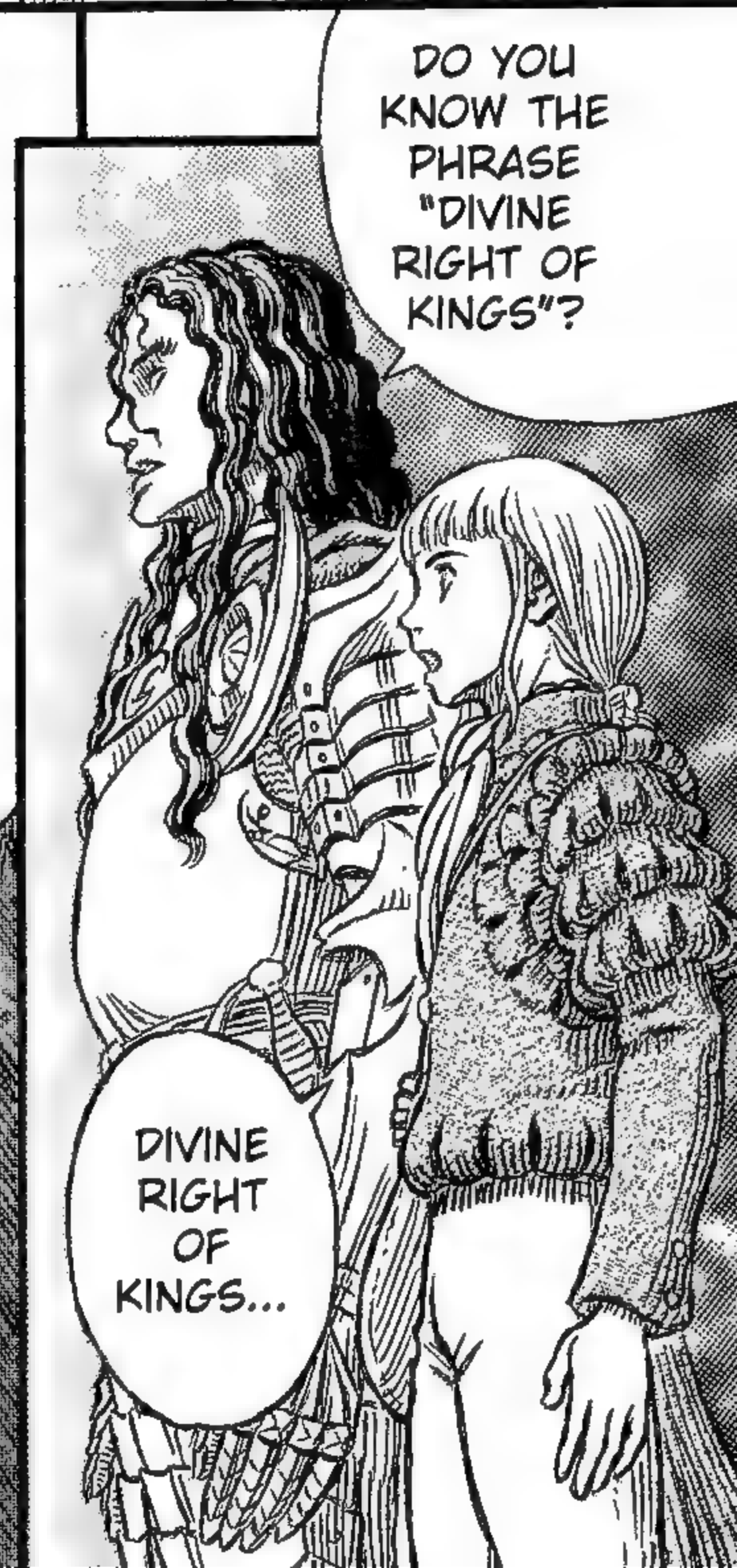
MANY
ROYAL FAMILIES
CLAIM IT TO
BE TRUE IN
THEIR CASE.

A HIGH
SPIRITUAL
RANK LINKS
A LEGITIMATE
KING TO THE
LAND, GUIDING
THE REALM
TO
PROSPERITY.

THE
THRONE IS
SOMETHING
BESTOWED
BY THE HAND
OF GOD.
THEREFORE
NONE MUST
VIOLATE IT.

DO YOU
KNOW THE
PHRASE
"DIVINE
RIGHT OF
KINGS"?

DIVINE
RIGHT
OF
KINGS...





HOW-
EVER...

...A
HUNDRED
STORIES...

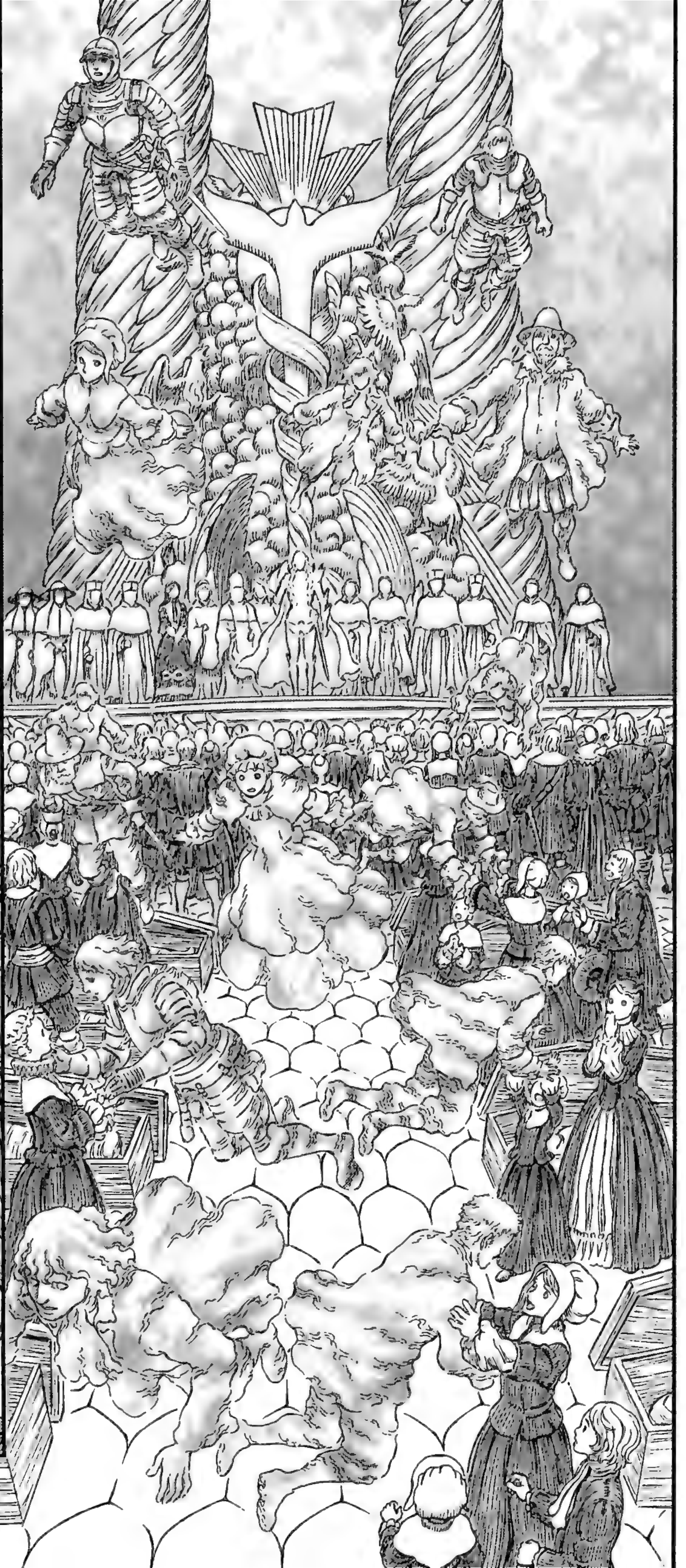
...AND
AN ENTIRE
DOCTRINE
LOSE
THEIR
POWER...

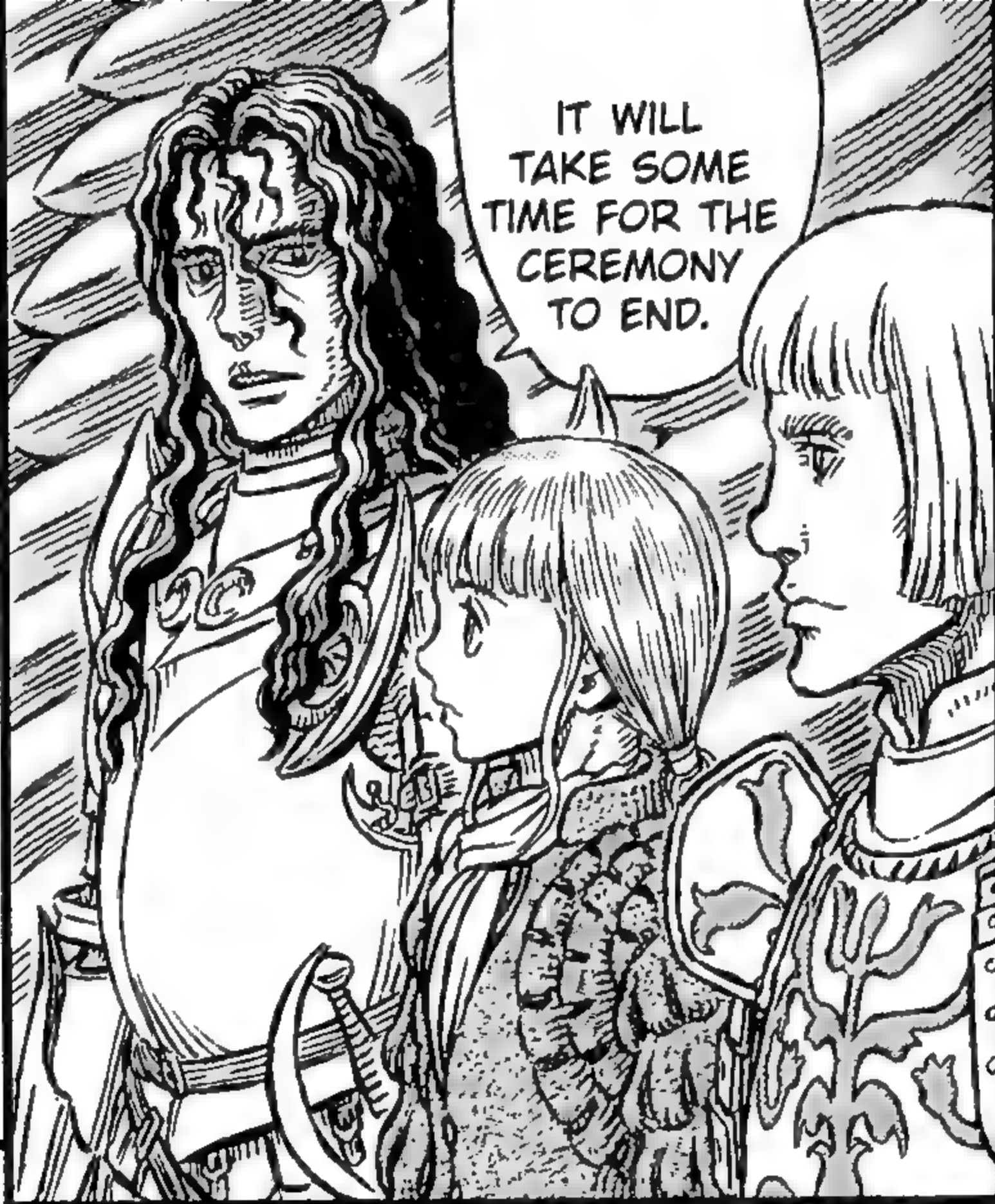
...WHEN
PRESENTED
WITH
THAT
SPECTACLE.

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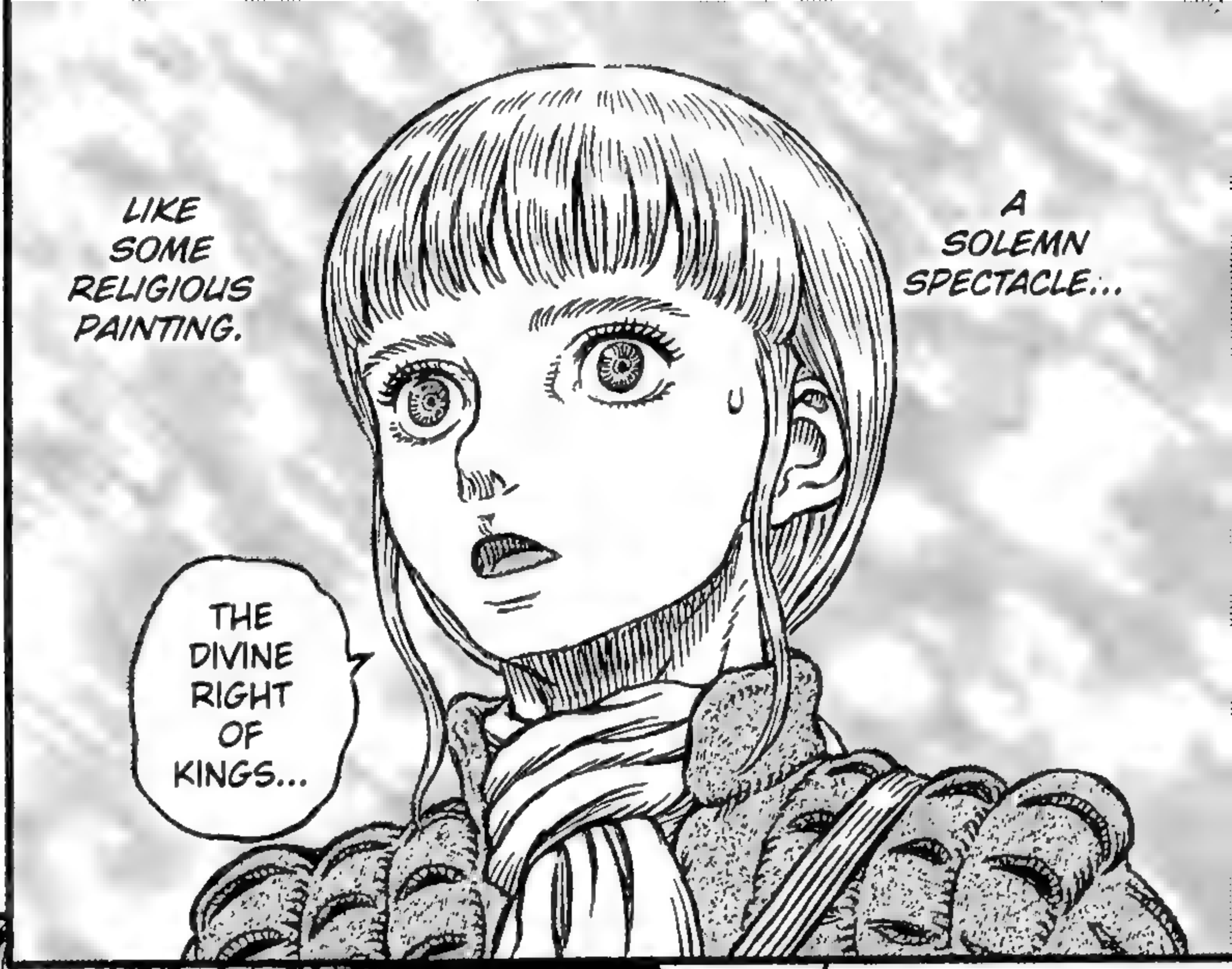
万魔殿

PANDEMONIUM





IT WILL
TAKE SOME
TIME FOR THE
CEREMONY
TO END.



LIKE
SOME
RELIGIOUS
PAINTING.

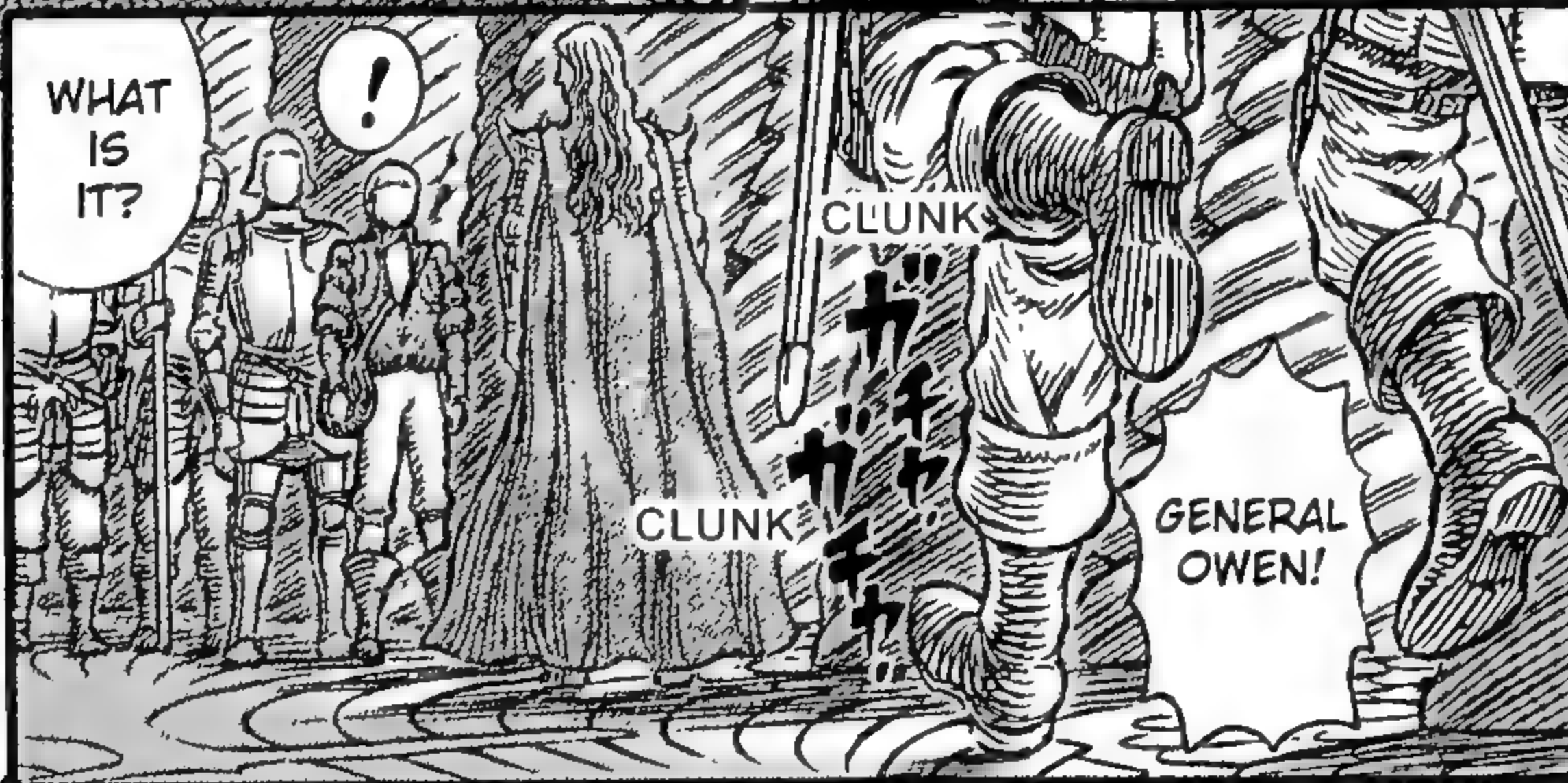
A
SOLEMN
SPECTACLE...

THE
DIVINE
RIGHT
OF
KINGS...



THERE'S
SOMETHING
I WISH
TO TELL HIM
IN PRIVATE,
AS HE WAS
OF THE OLD
BAND OF
THE HAWK.

SIR OWEN.
IF YOU
DON'T
MIND,
I'D LIKE
TO
BORROW
HIM FOR
A BIT.

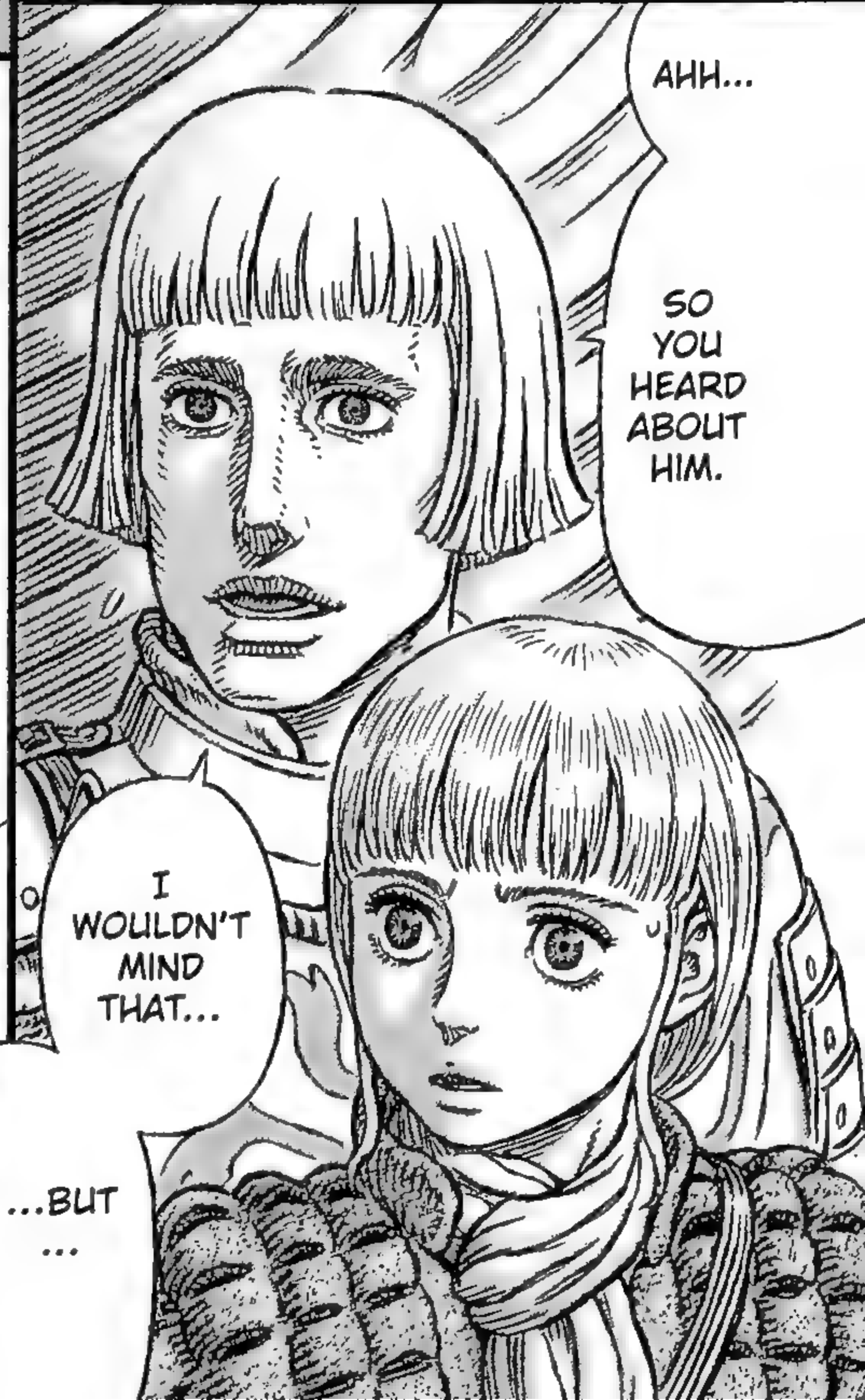


WHAT
IS
IT?

CLUNK

CLUNK

GENERAL
OWEN!

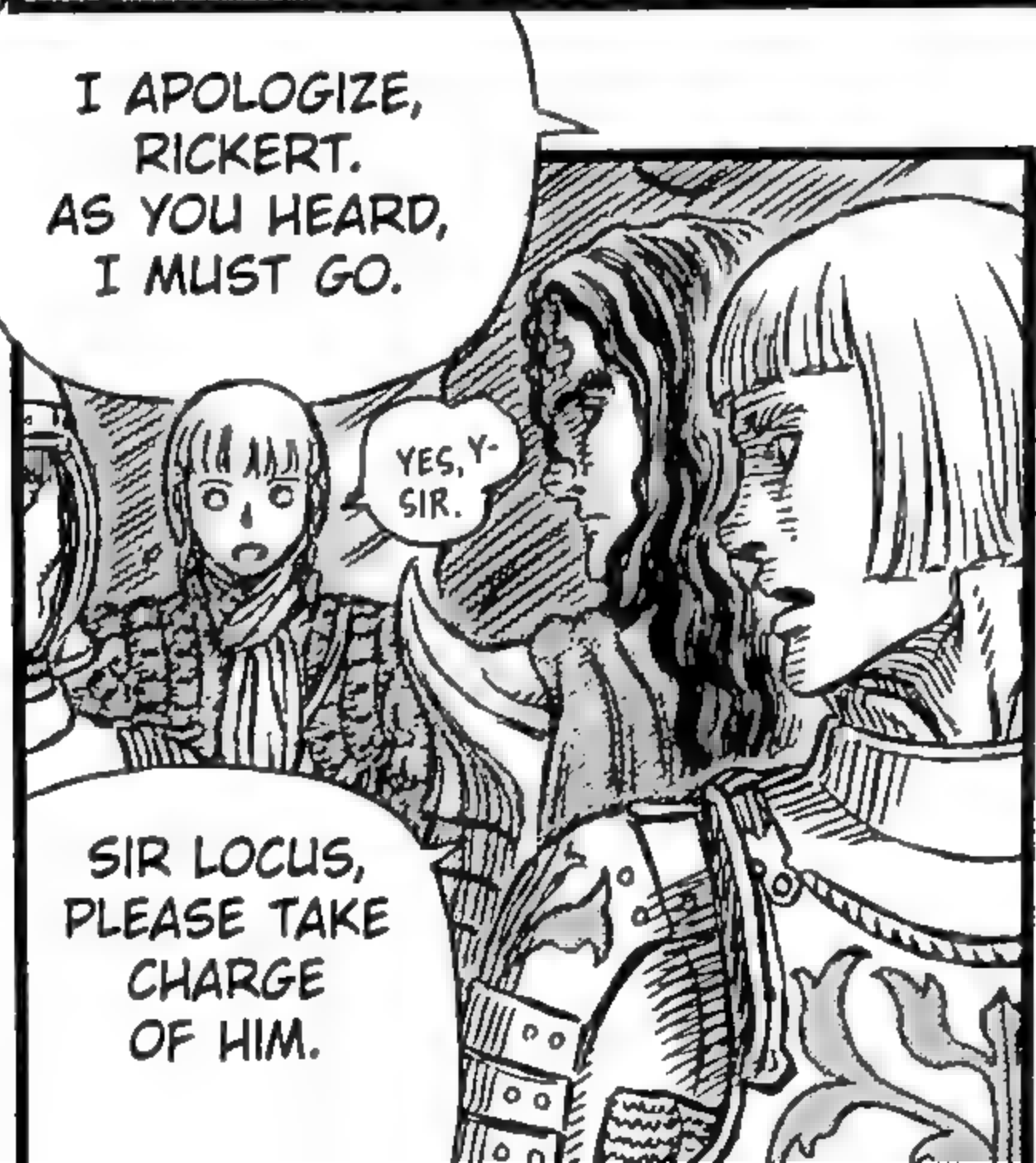


AHH...

SO
YOU
HEARD
ABOUT
HIM.

I
WOULDN'T
MIND
THAT...

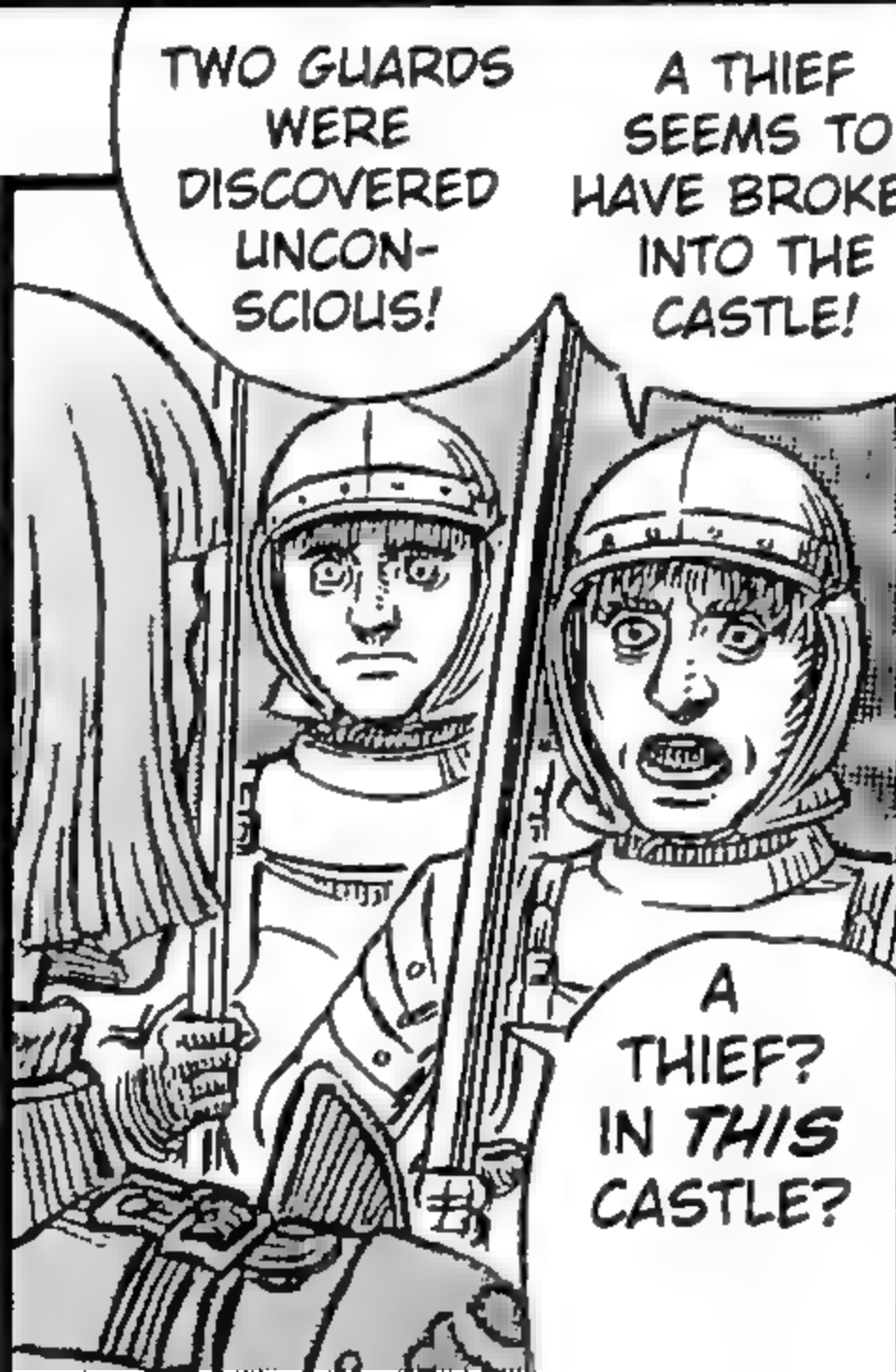
...BUT
...



I APOLOGIZE,
RICKERT.
AS YOU HEARD,
I MUST GO.

YES, Y-
SIR.

SIR LOCUS,
PLEASE TAKE
CHARGE
OF HIM.



TWO GUARDS
WERE
DISCOVERED
UNCON-
SCIOUS!

A THIEF
SEEMS TO
HAVE BROKEN
INTO THE
CASTLE!

A
THIEF?
IN *THIS*
CASTLE?



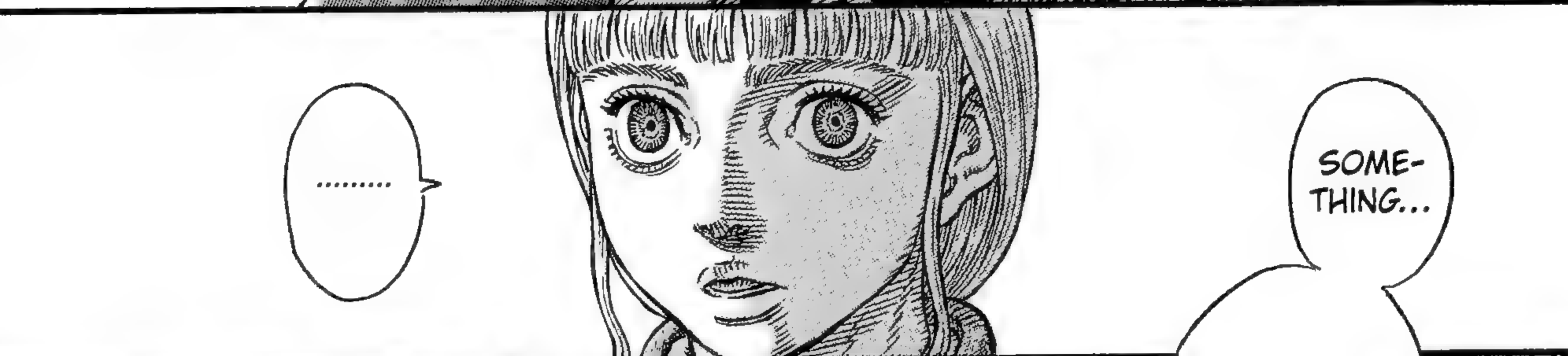
...LET'S
GO.

WELL,
THEN...



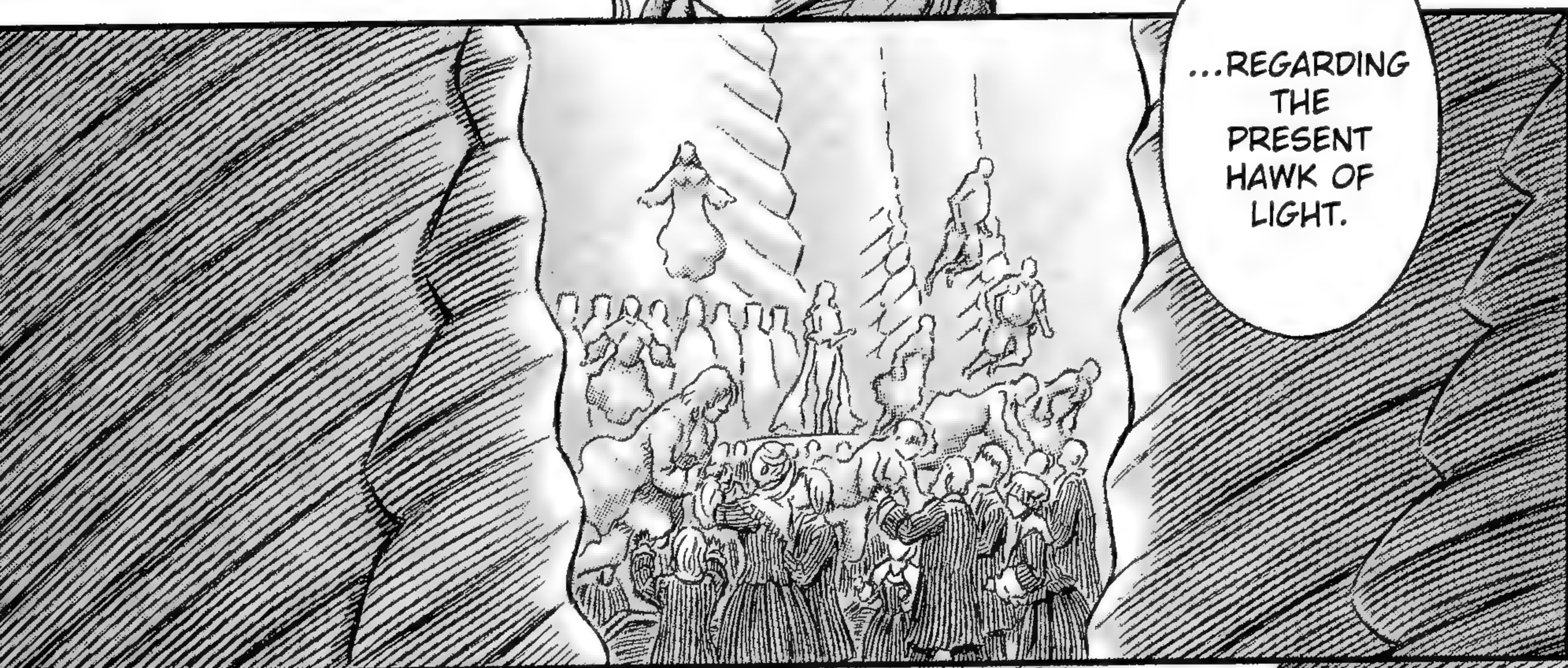
THERE'S
SOMETHING
OF WHICH
YOU REALLY
OUGHT
TO BE
AWARE.

YOU
WERE ONCE
ONE OF
THE HAWK'S
FEATHERS.

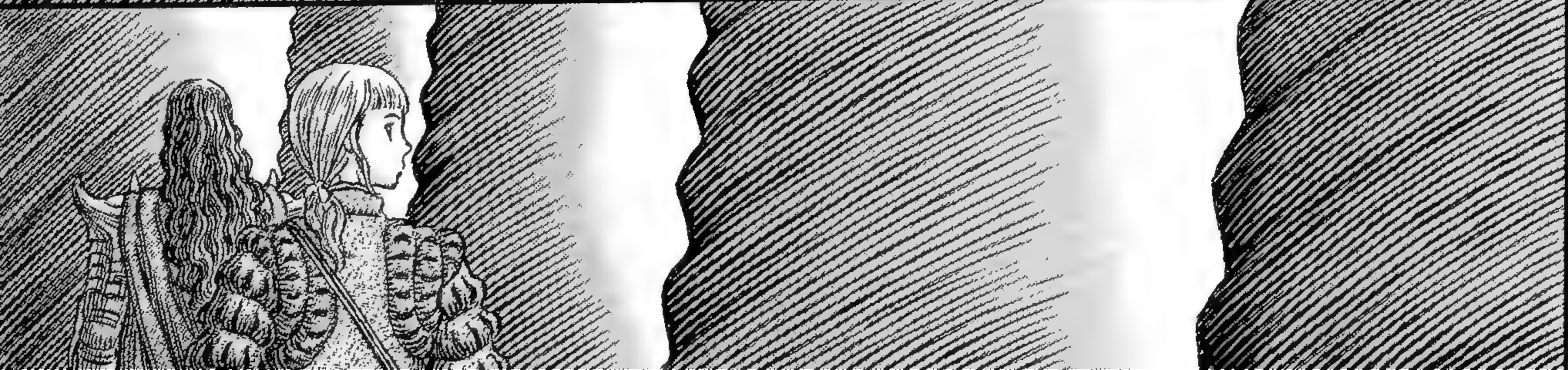


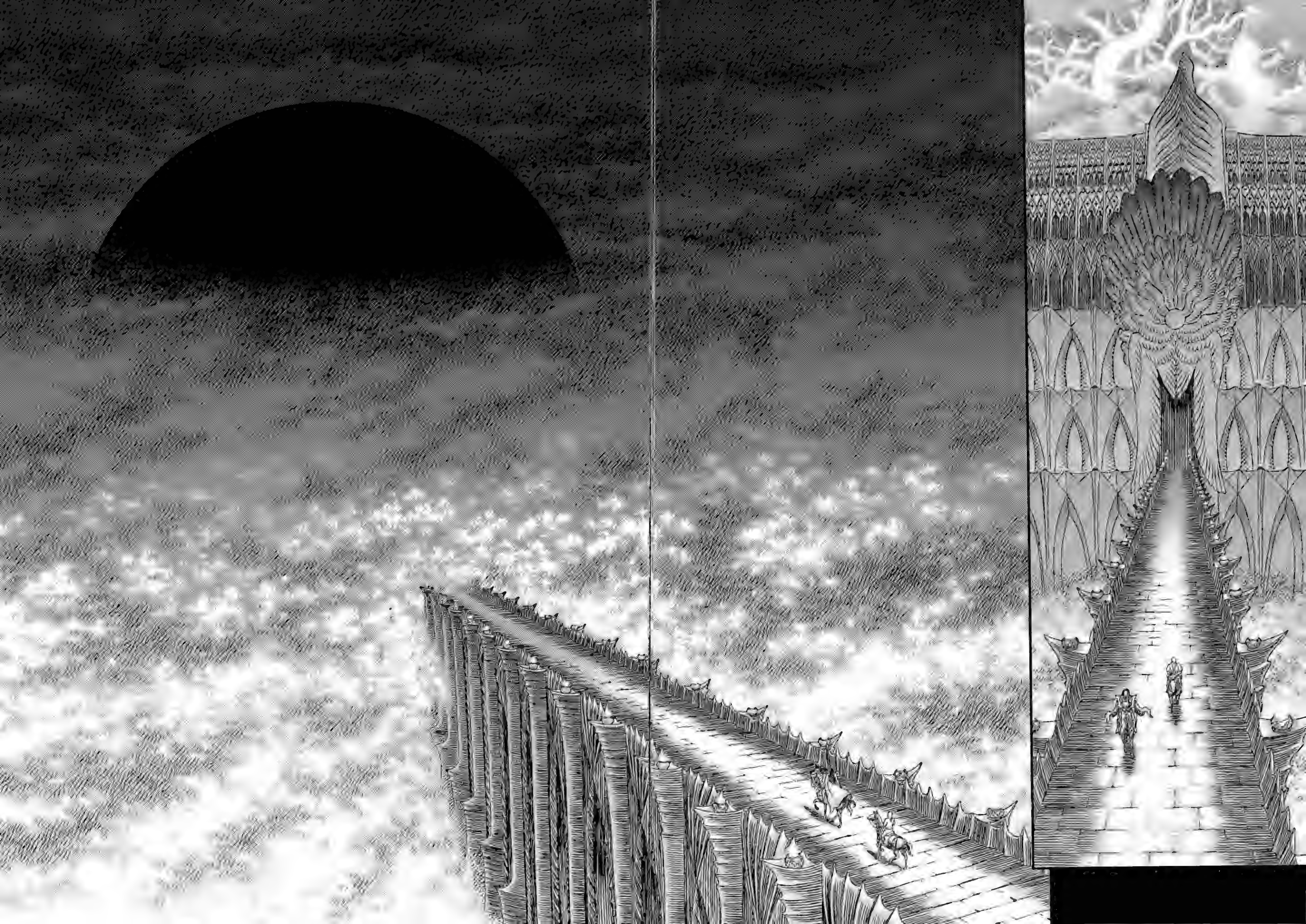
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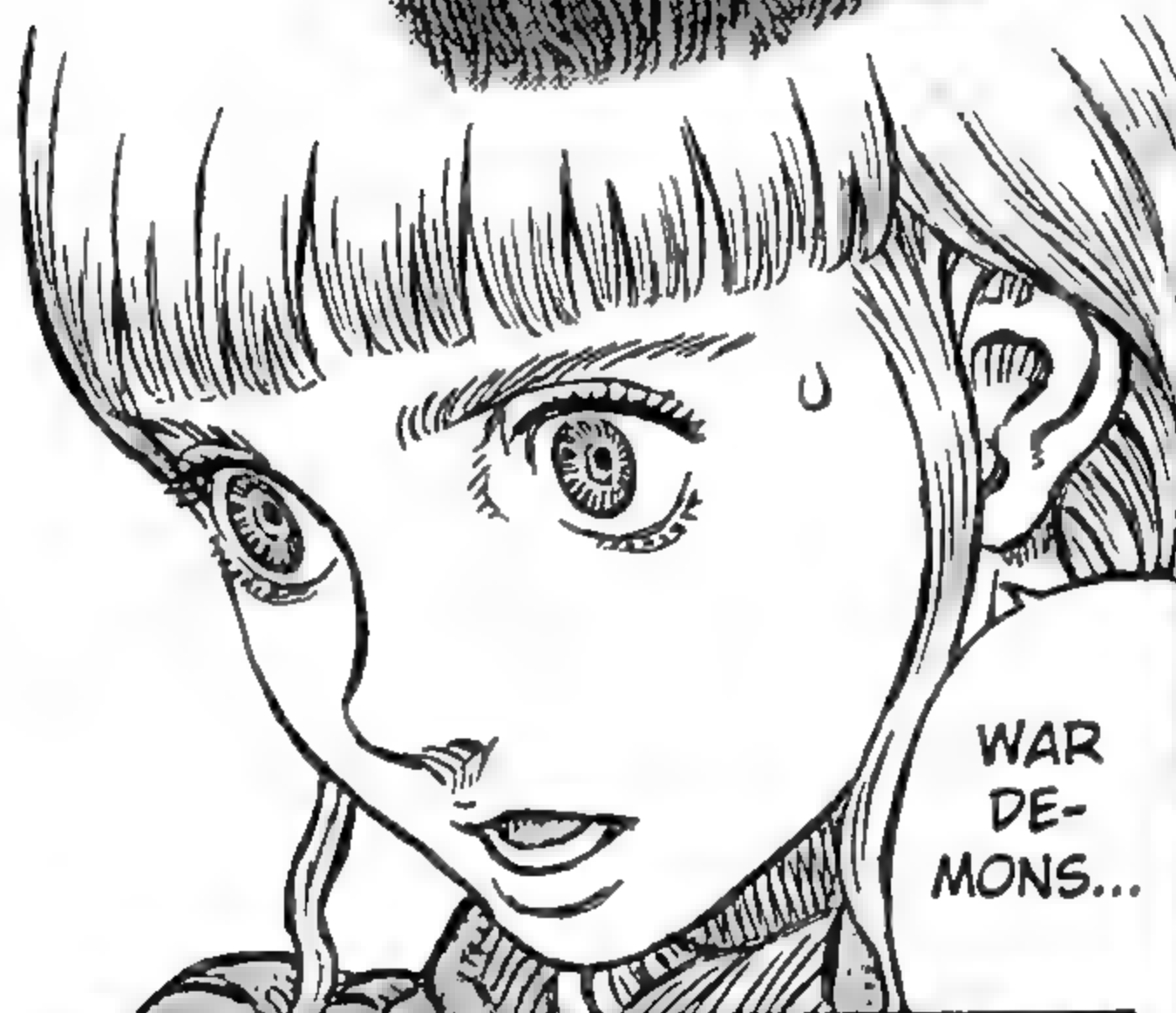
SOME-
THING...



...REGARDING
THE
PRESENT
HAWK OF
LIGHT.







WAR
DE-
MONS...



IT
SEEMS
YOU
KNOW
OF
THEM.



YOUR
NAME
IS
RICKERT,
YES?

TELL
ME,
WHY
DID
YOU...

...REQUEST
AN AUDIENCE
WITH THE
HAWK?

EH?...



PANDE-
MONIUM.



...THE
HAWK
OF
LIGHT'S
BODY-
GUARDS.

THE DEN
OF THE
WAR
DEMONS...



WH...

WHAT
IS
THAT?

THE
COMMON
SOLDIERS
SEEM TOO
SCARED
TO GO
NEAR IT.



ABOUT
WHAT HAPPENED
BENEATH
THE BLACK SUN
OF ABSTRACT
TIME?

...TO
QUESTION
HIM?

FOR
NOTHING
MORE...

...THAN
TO RENEW
AN OLD
FRIENDSHIP?

TO TRY
TO GAIN
A PATRON
TO HELP
ESTABLISH
YOU HERE
IN THIS
CITY?

BOTH
THOSE
THINGS...?

OR
PER-
HAPS...

WHICH
MEANS,
FOR SOME
REASON
YOU WERE
SPARED
THE
CEREMONY
OF
ABSTRACT
TIME.

A
FEATHER
OF THE
FORMER
BAND OF
THE HAWK
LACKS THE
SCENT
OF THE
BRAND...

IT'S
SIMPLE
DEDUCTION.

HOW
DID
YOU...?

...AND OF
WHERE YOUR
COMRADES
VANISHED
TO.

IT'S ONLY
NATURAL YOU
WOULD WANT
TO ASK WHAT
HAPPENED
THAT DAY...

...ON
THE
HILL
OF
SWORDS...

...THAT
DAY...

GUTS
TOLD
ME...

I
ALREADY
KNOW
THE
ANSWER
TO THAT.

...FROM
THE HAWK
HIMSELF,
DELIVERED IN
A TONE OF
REMORSE?

...TO
HEAR
THAT
ANSWER...

OH
...?
THEN
DO
YOU
WISH...

...DON'T
SEEM TO
BE TAINTED
WITH
HATRED.

...YOUR
EYES
AT
LEAST...

BUT
TO
ME...

...NEVER
REALLY
HATE
GRIFFITH.

YOU
COULD...

.....

CHONNNG

THESE
WHO
ARE...

...THE
HAWK
OF
LIGHT'S...

...BEAK
AND
TALONS.

...OR
ASK
NOT...

WHETH-
ER
YOU
ASK...

...FIRST
YOU
OUGHT
TO SEE
THEM.

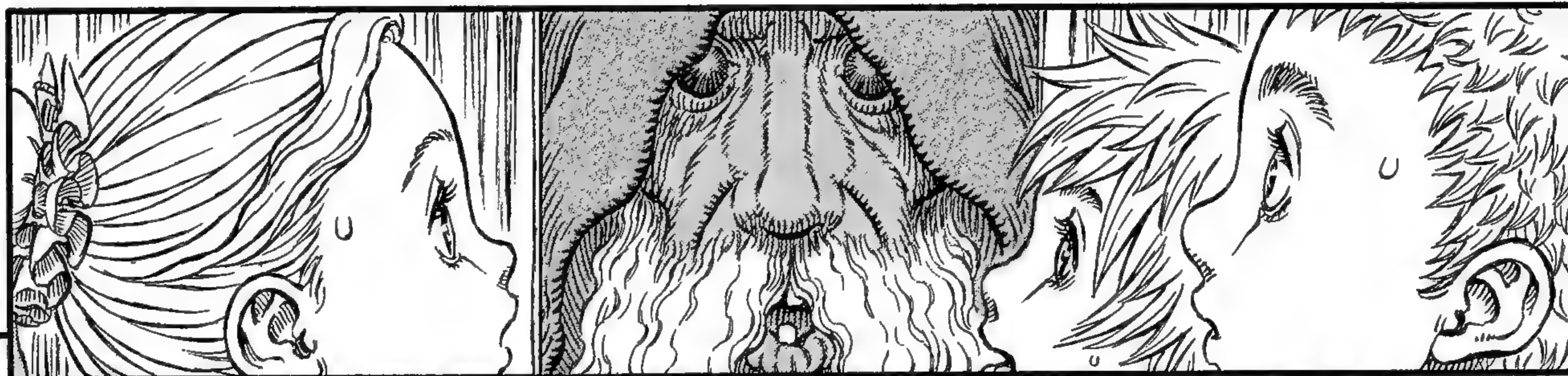
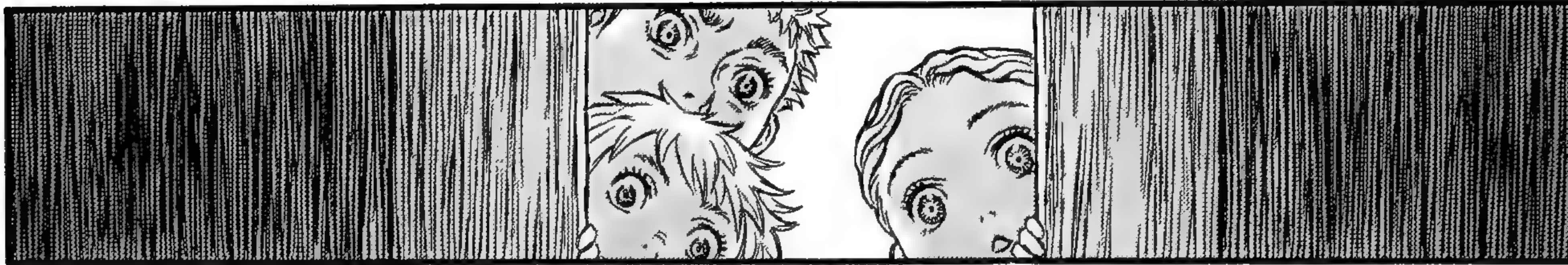
...AND
EXPERI-
ENCING.

THERE IS
A GREAT
DIFFERENCE
BETWEEN
KNOWING...



#" 1. 1. 1.

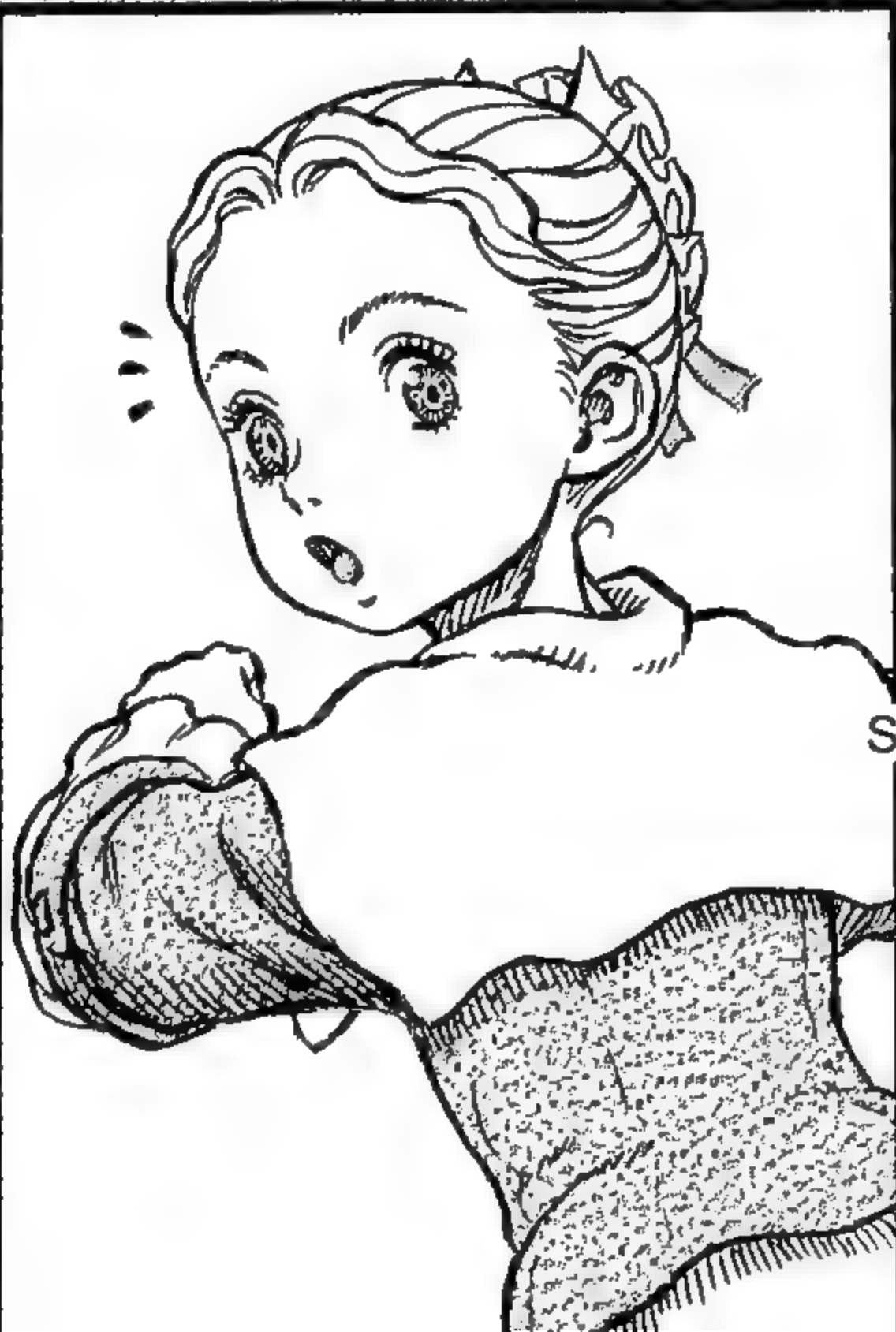
1. 1. 1. 1. ...
KREEE



I TOLD
YOU--
DON'T
COME
NEAR
HERE!

YAHHH
わ あ あ あ

HEY,
YOU
DAMN
KIDS!



AH
...!

STAGGER

DANG IT! YOU
REALLY WANNA GET
EATEN, HUH?!

YEE! WEIRDY
OLD
BEARDY!
YEE!

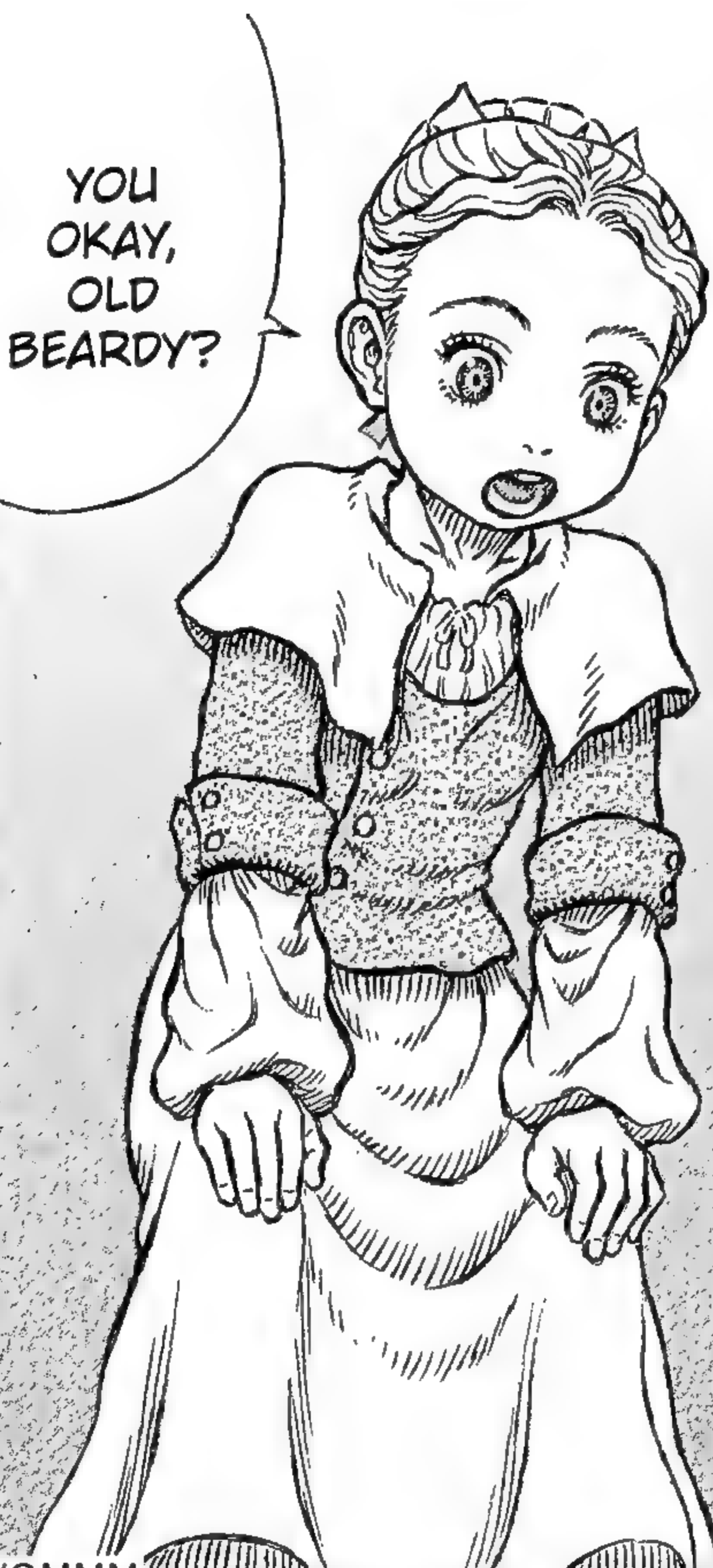




I'M ERICA.

YOU'RE A NEW ARRIVAL FROM YESTERDAY.

YOU OKAY, OLD BEARDY?



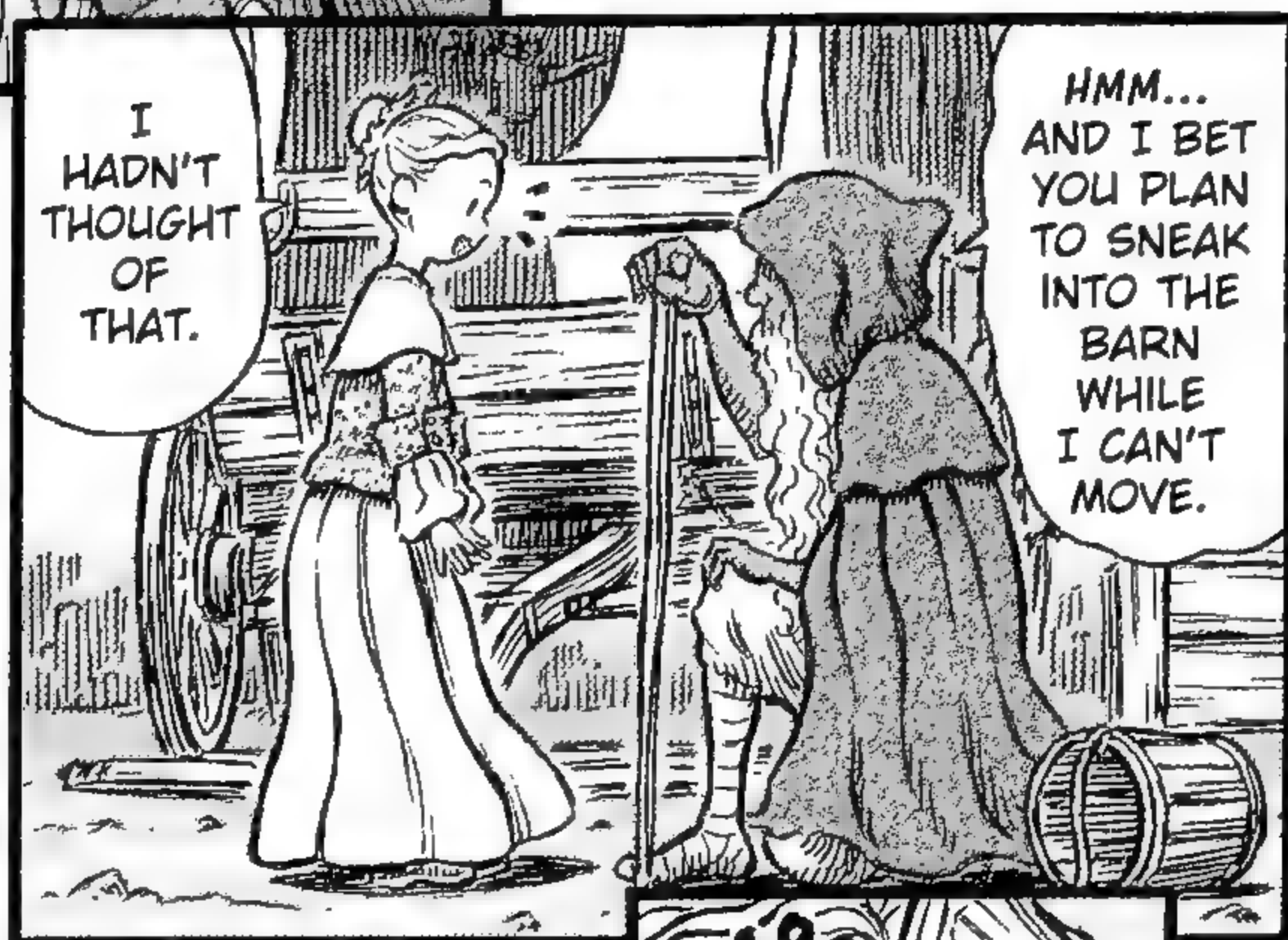
ARGHH

BLASTED KNEE. I'D SOONER JUST FLOAT...



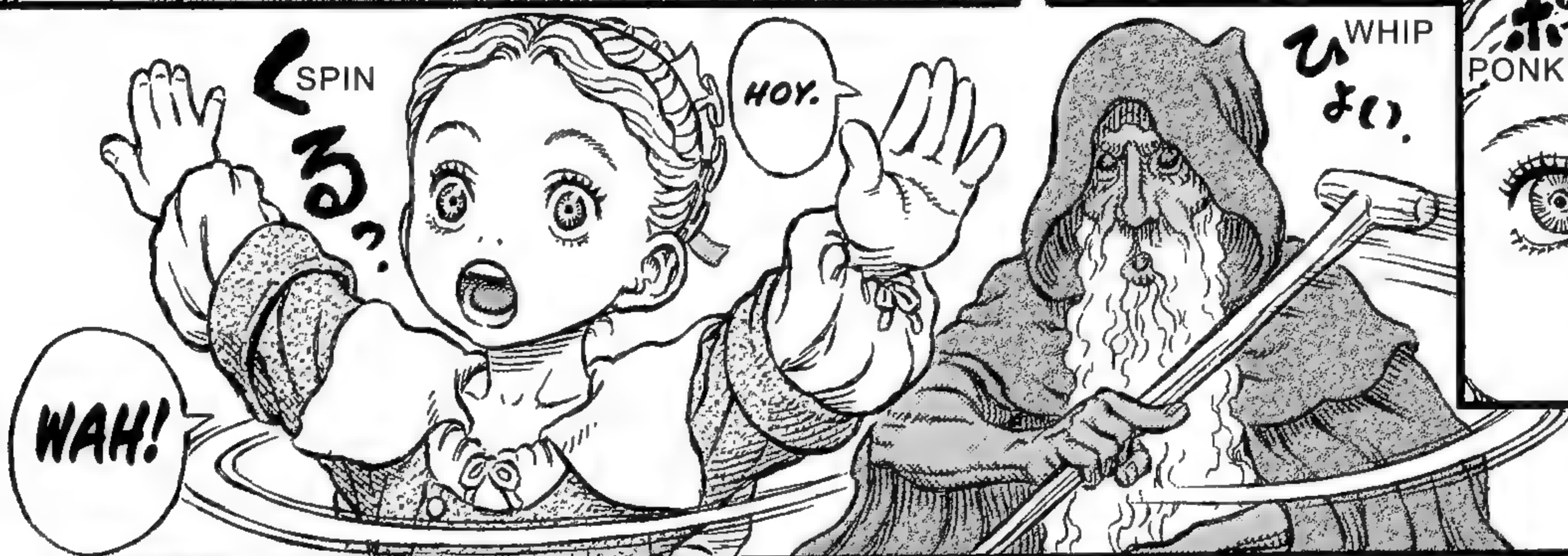
ZWOMMM

OH, NO YOU DON'T. WAAATCH.



I HADN'T THOUGHT OF THAT.

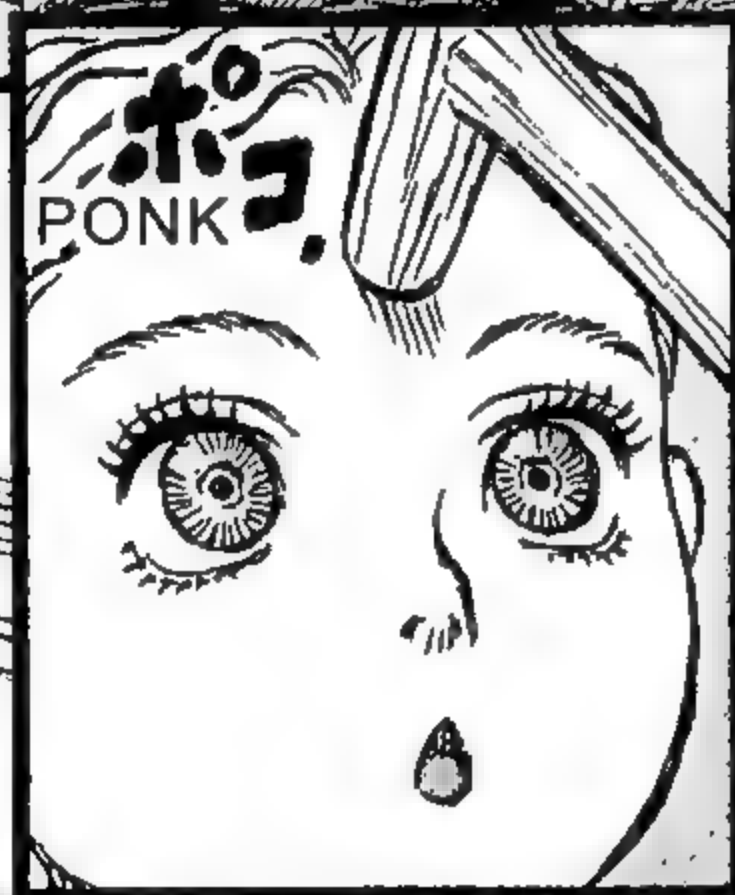
HMM... AND I BET YOU PLAN TO SNEAK INTO THE BARN WHILE I CAN'T MOVE.



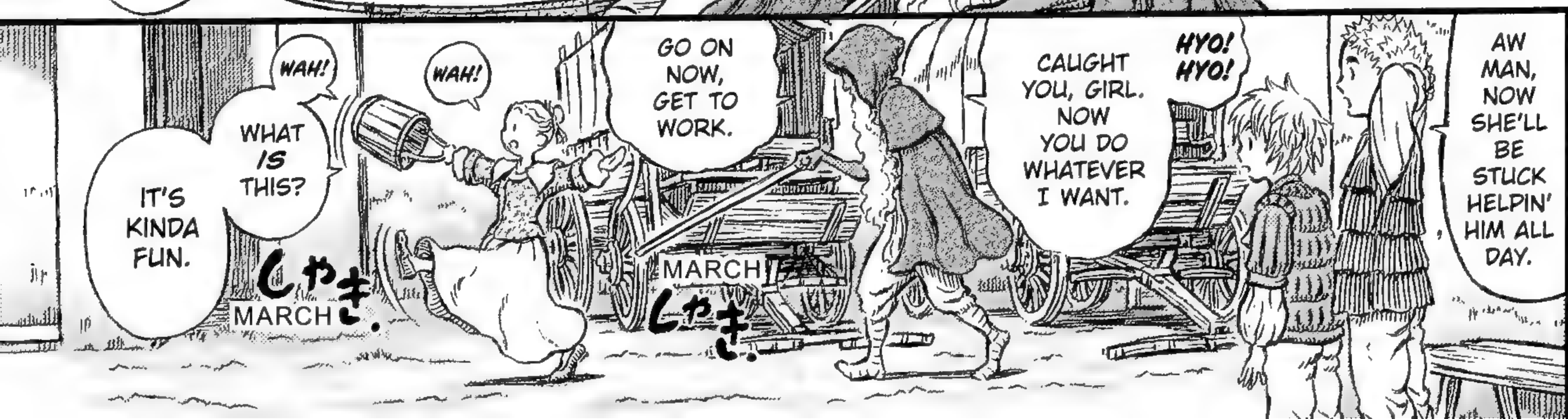
SPIN

HOY.

WHIP
ひょい.



ポコ
PONK.



WAH!

WAH!

GO ON NOW, GET TO WORK.

CAUGHT YOU, GIRL. NOW YOU DO WHATEVER I WANT.

HYO! HYO!

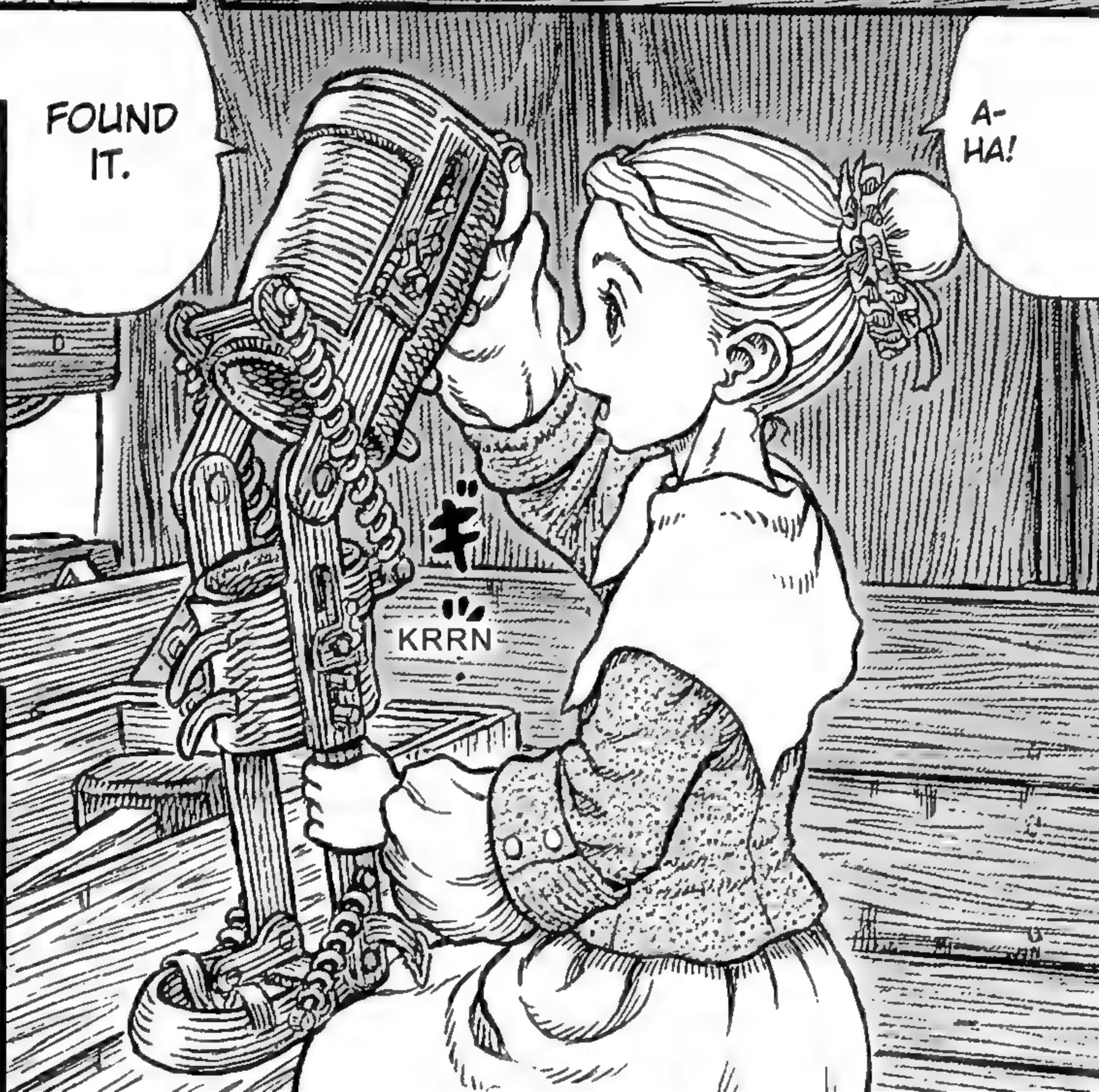
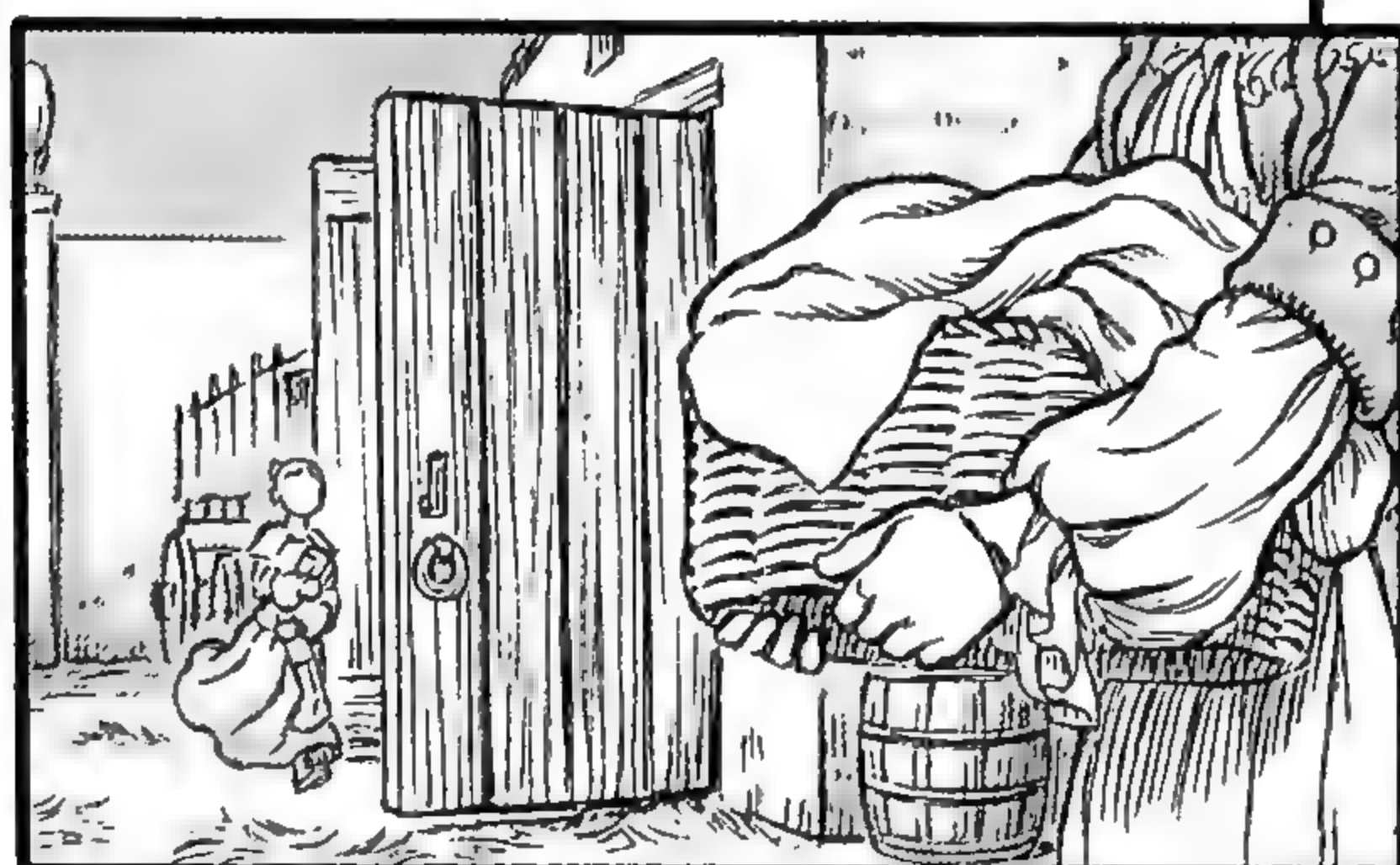
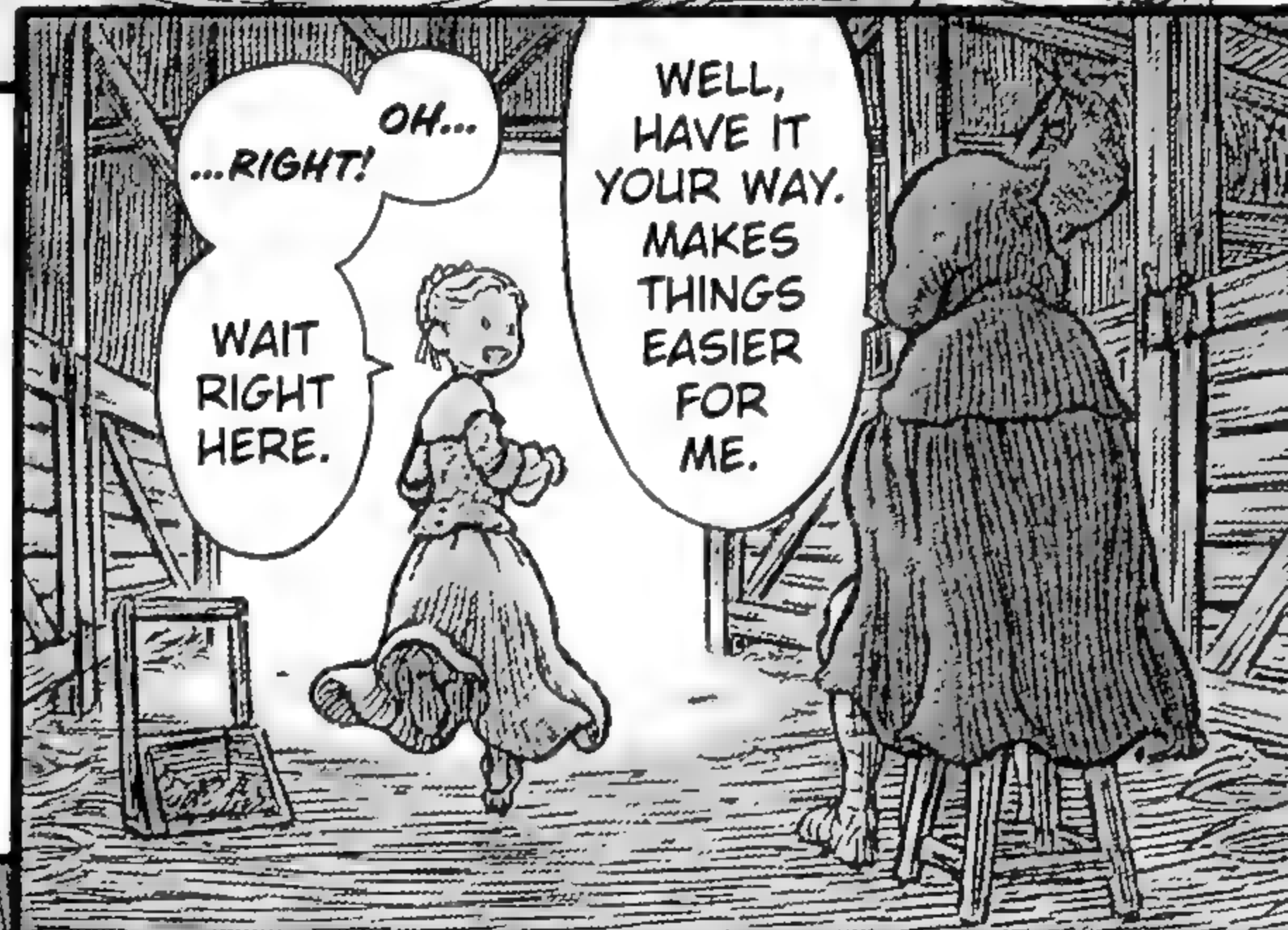
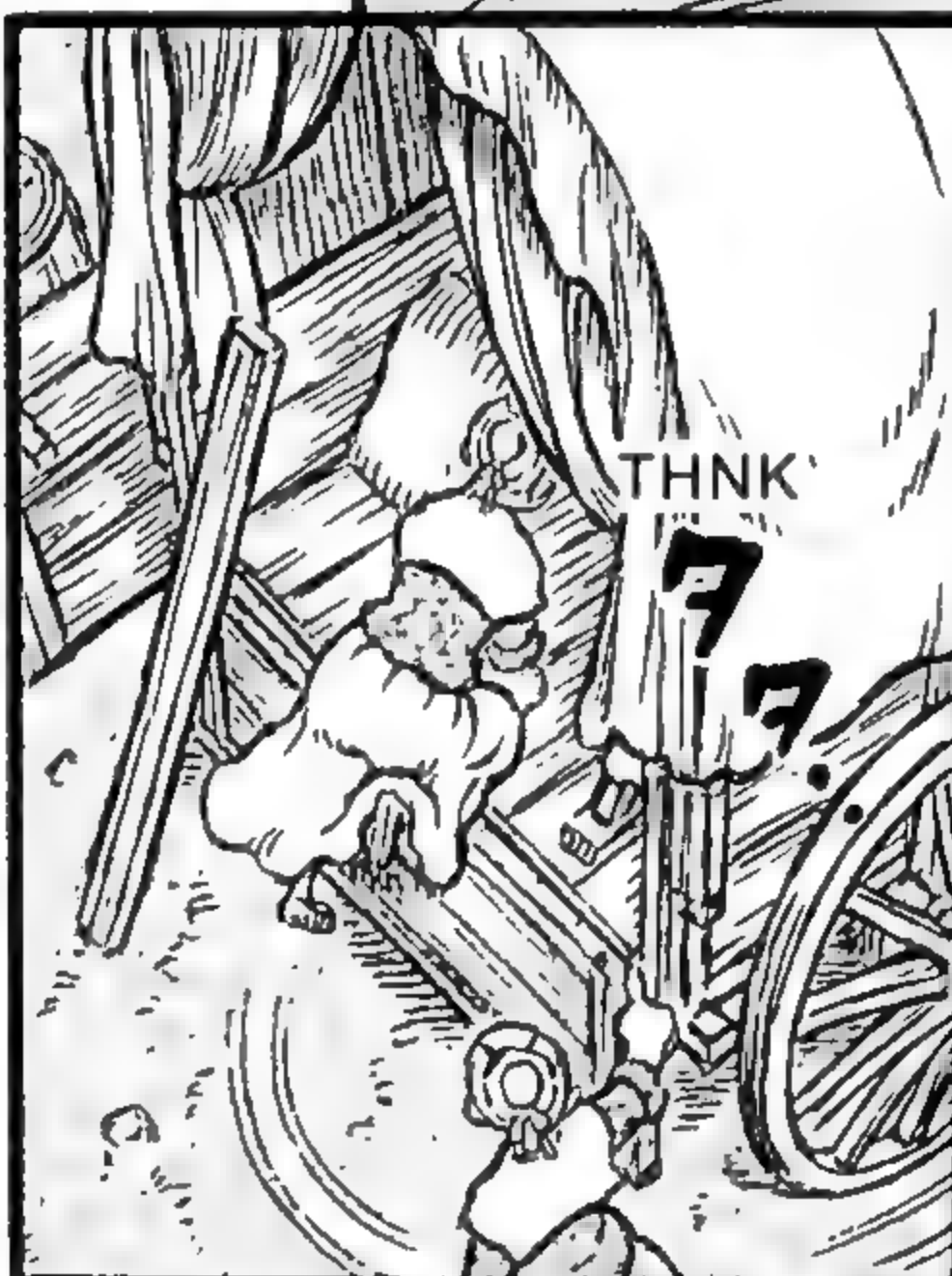
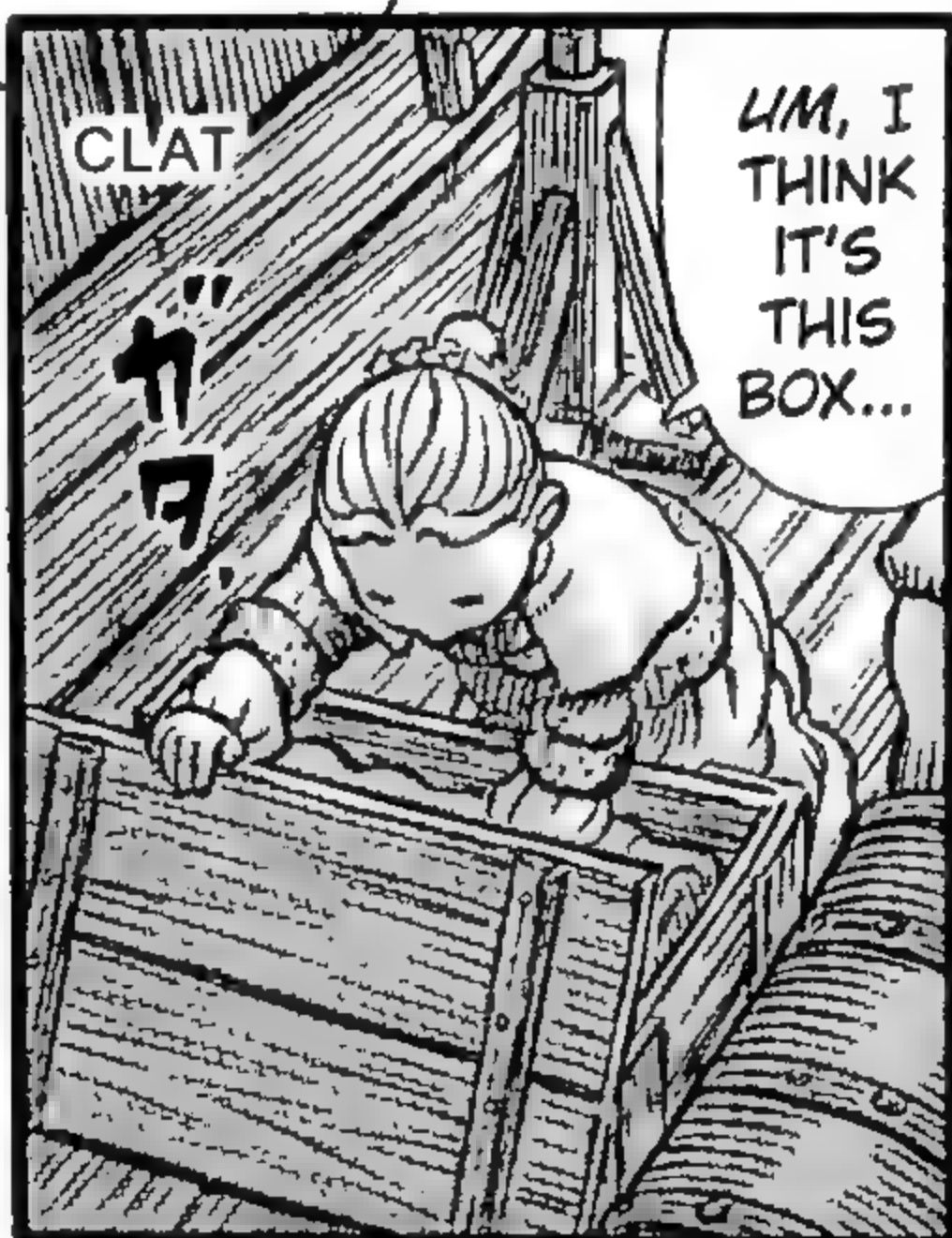
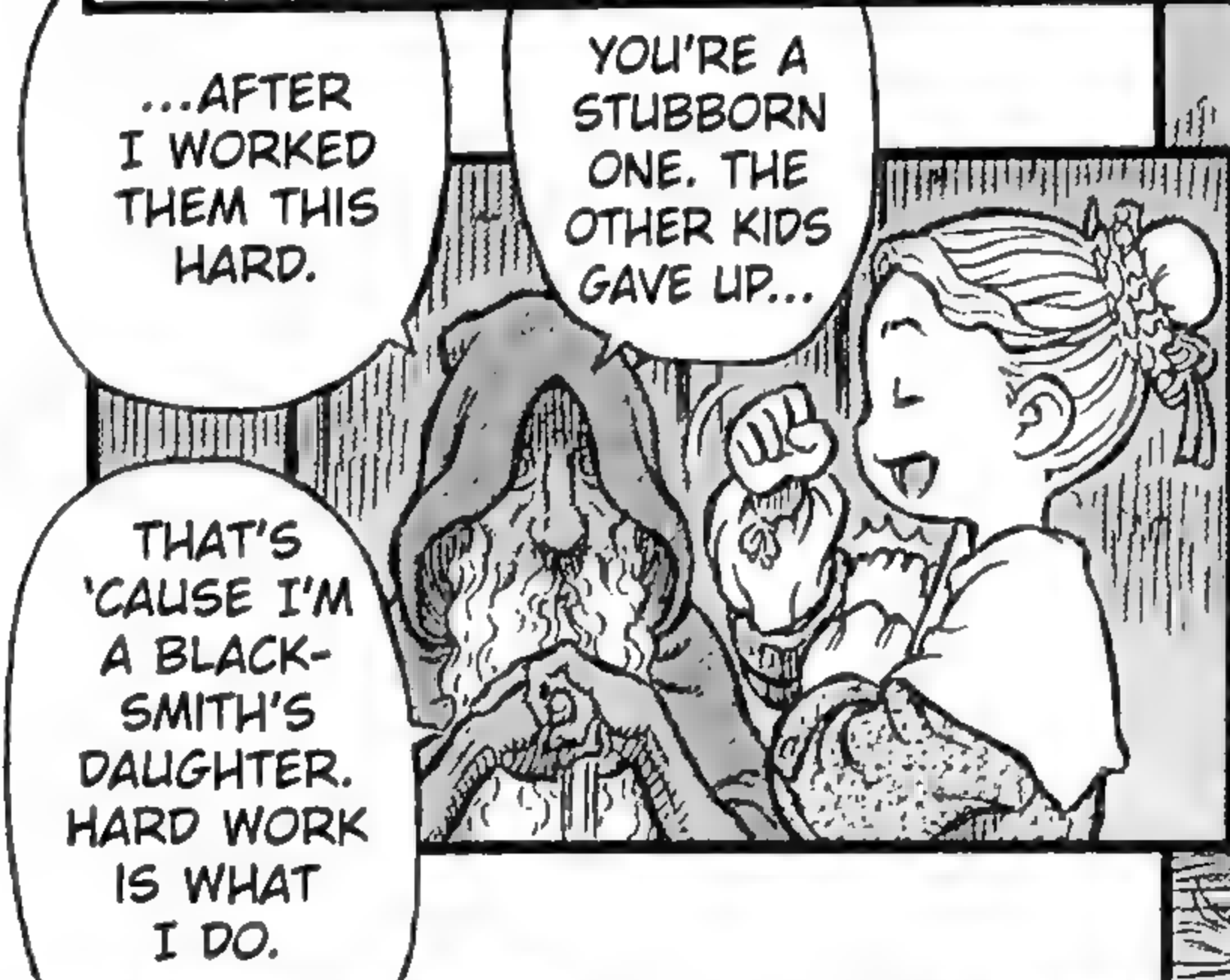
AW MAN, NOW SHE'LL BE STUCK HELPIN' HIM ALL DAY.

IT'S KINDA FUN.

WHAT IS THIS?

しあき
MARCH

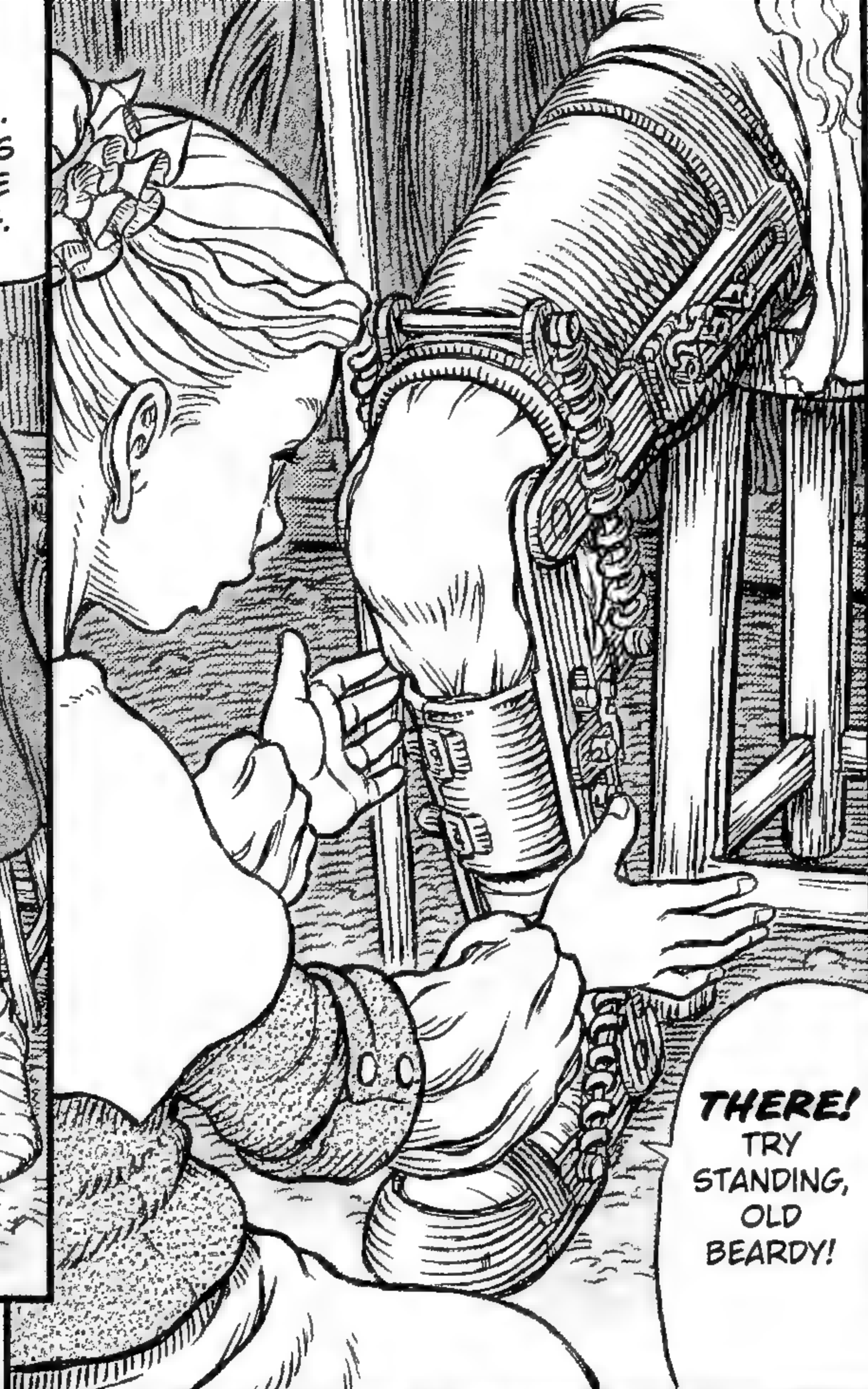
MARCH
しあき



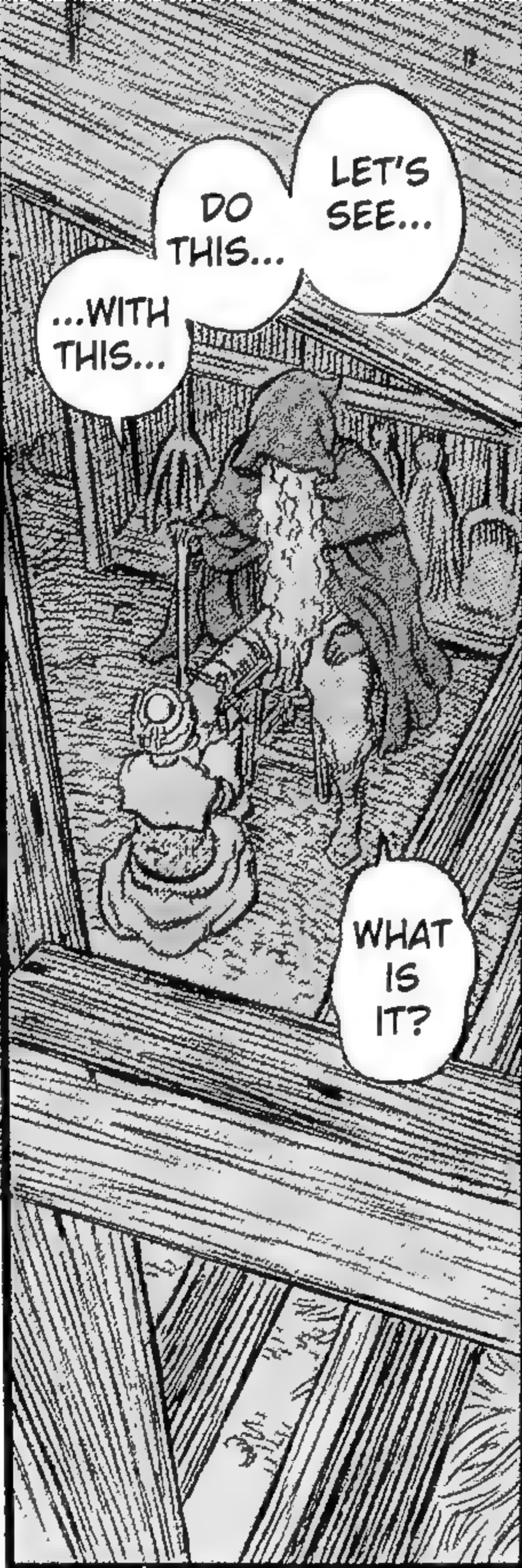


HUH...
THAT'S
A FINE
THING.

カ
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CHAK
CHAK



THERE!
TRY
STANDING,
OLD
BEARDY!

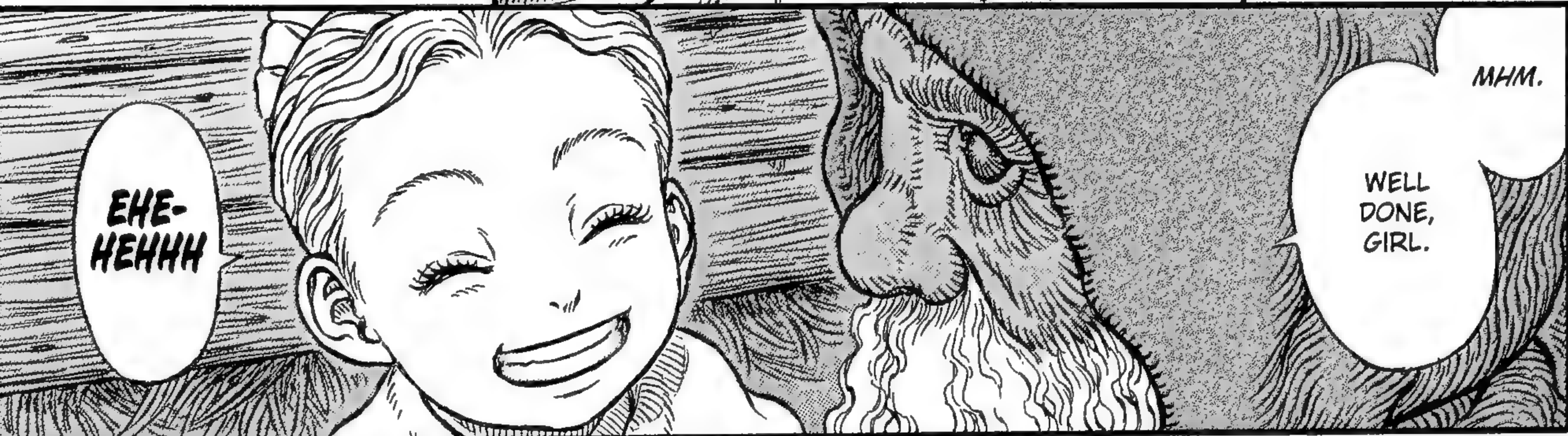


...WITH
THIS...

DO
THIS...

LET'S
SEE...

WHAT
IS
IT?



EHE-
HEHHH

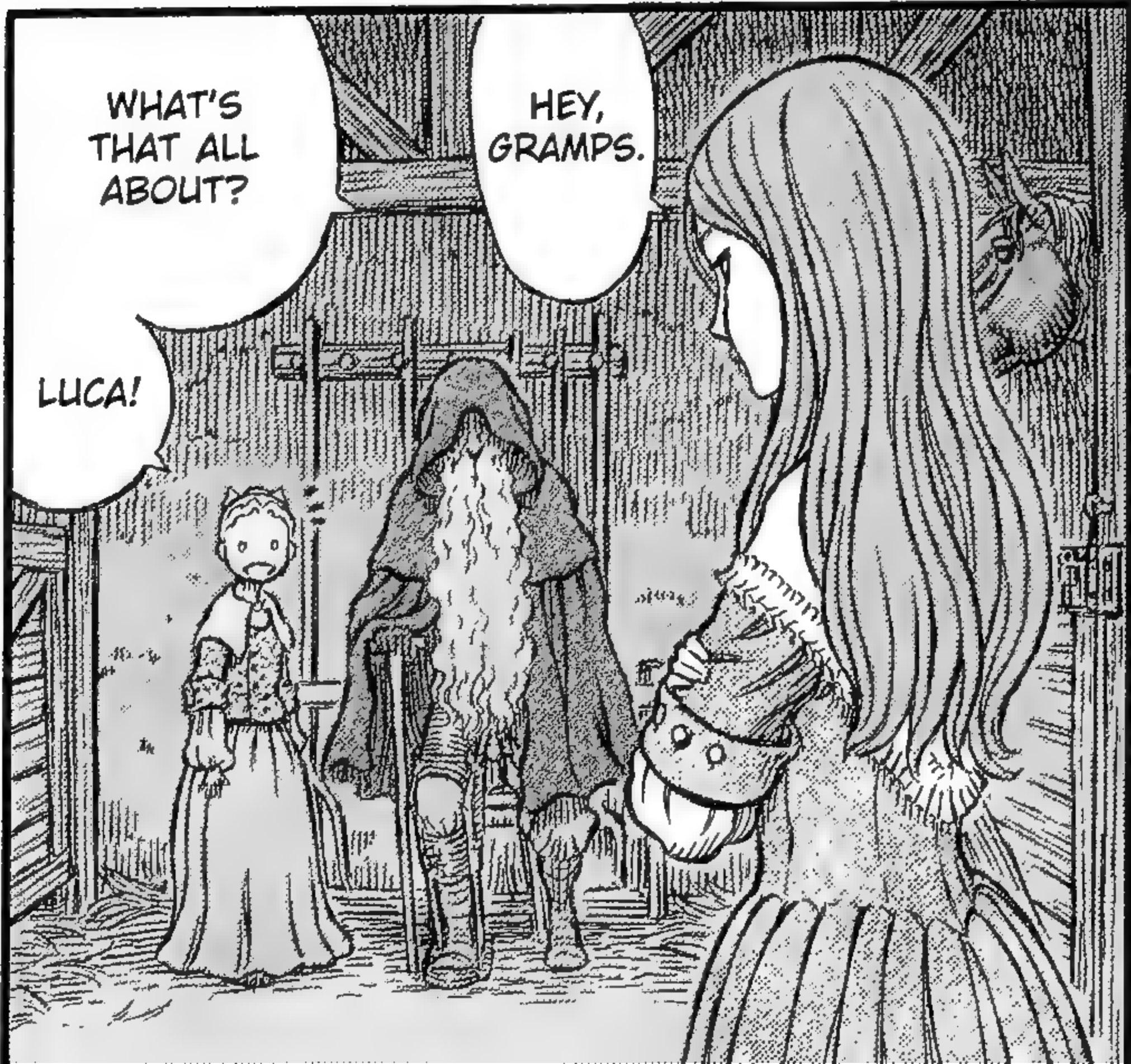
MHM.

WELL
DONE,
GIRL.



M-MIND YOUR
OWN BUSINESS.
THIS IS JUST
JOINT PAIN THAT
COMES WITH OLD
AGE. IT'S NO
BIG DEAL.

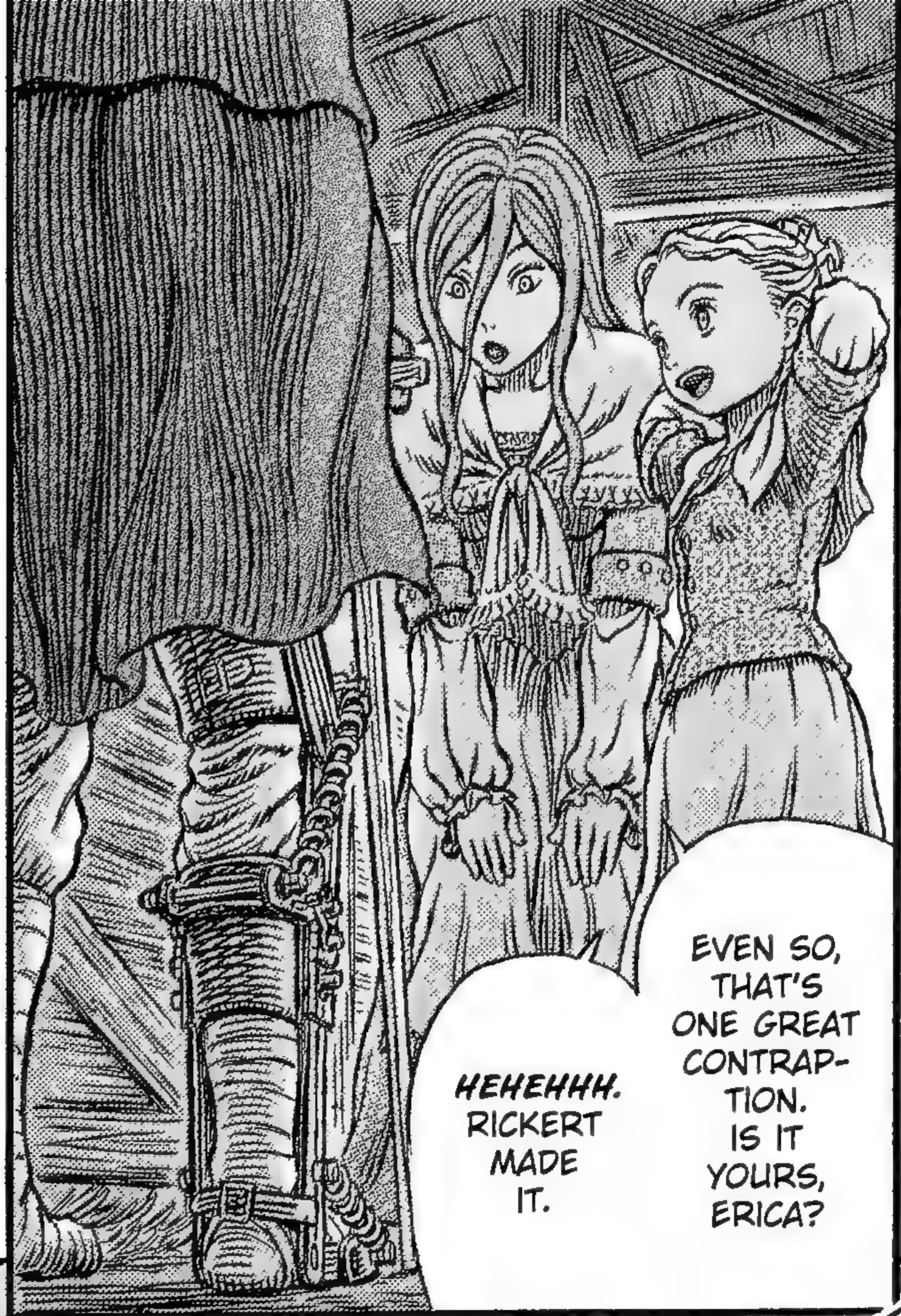
IF YOUR
INJURY ISN'T
FULLY HEALED,
YOU SHOULD
SAY SO.
OTHERWISE,
THIS MANUAL
LABOR IS--



WHAT'S
THAT ALL
ABOUT?

HEY,
GRAMPS.

LUCA!



HEHEHHH.
RICKERT
MADE
IT.

EVEN SO,
THAT'S
ONE GREAT
CONTRAP-
TION. IS IT
YOURS,
ERICA?

THIS
IS UNUSUAL,
THOUGH...
YOU LETTING
SOMEONE GET
CLOSE
TO YOU.

HMPH.

THIS
ONE'S
JUST
PUSHY,
IS ALL.



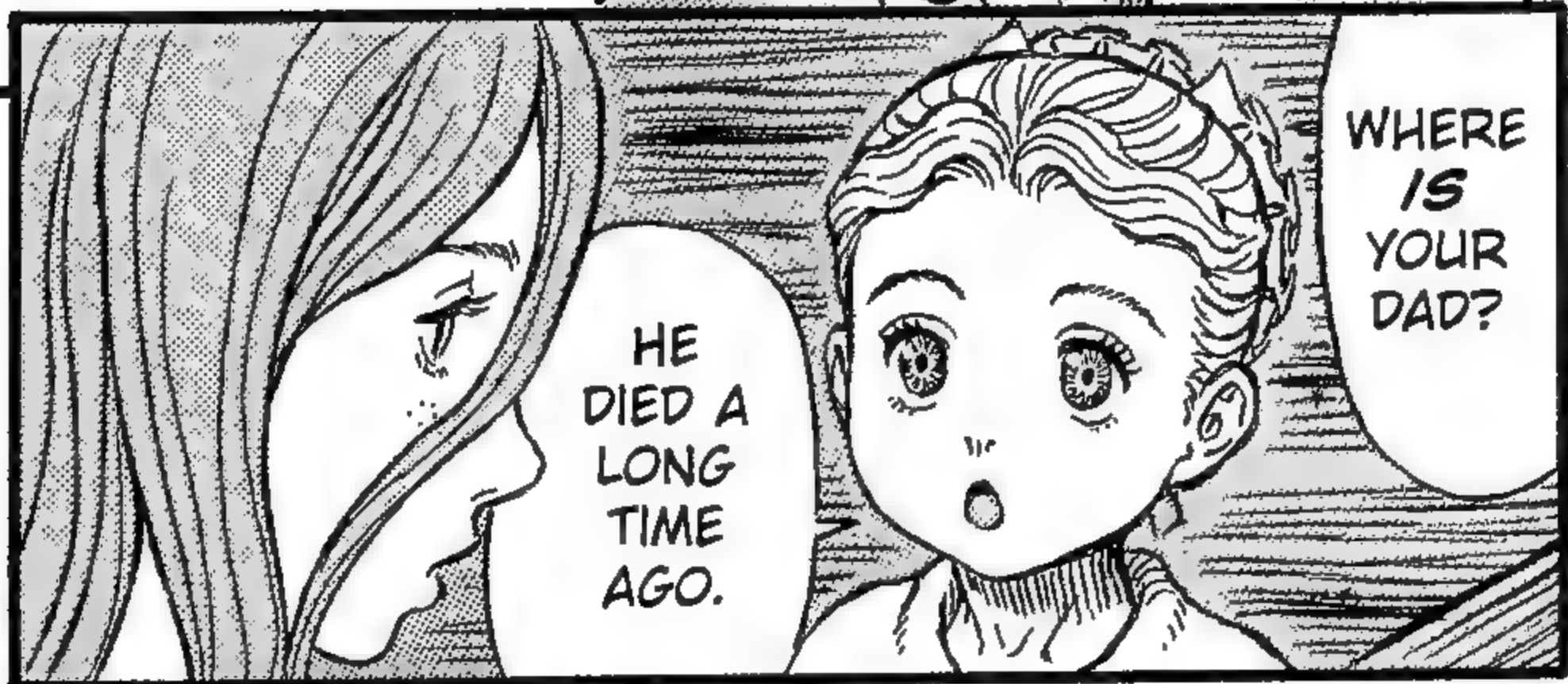
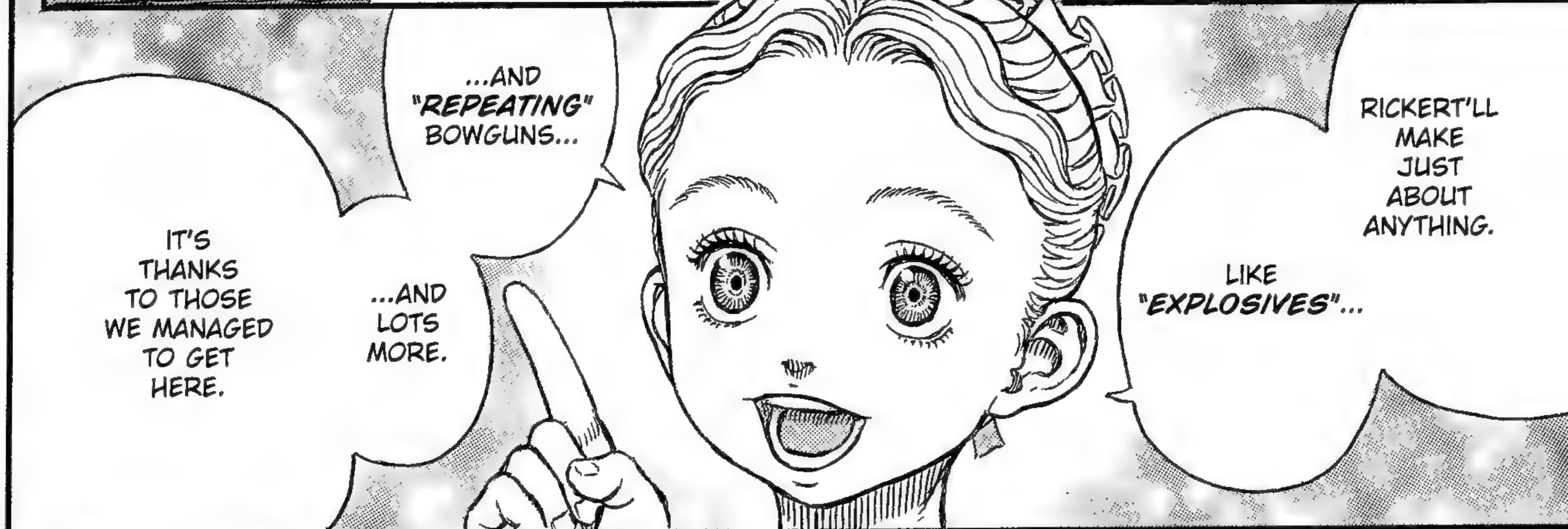
IT'S
THANKS
TO THOSE
WE MANAGED
TO GET
HERE.

...AND
"REPEATING"
BOWGUNS...

...AND
LOTS
MORE.

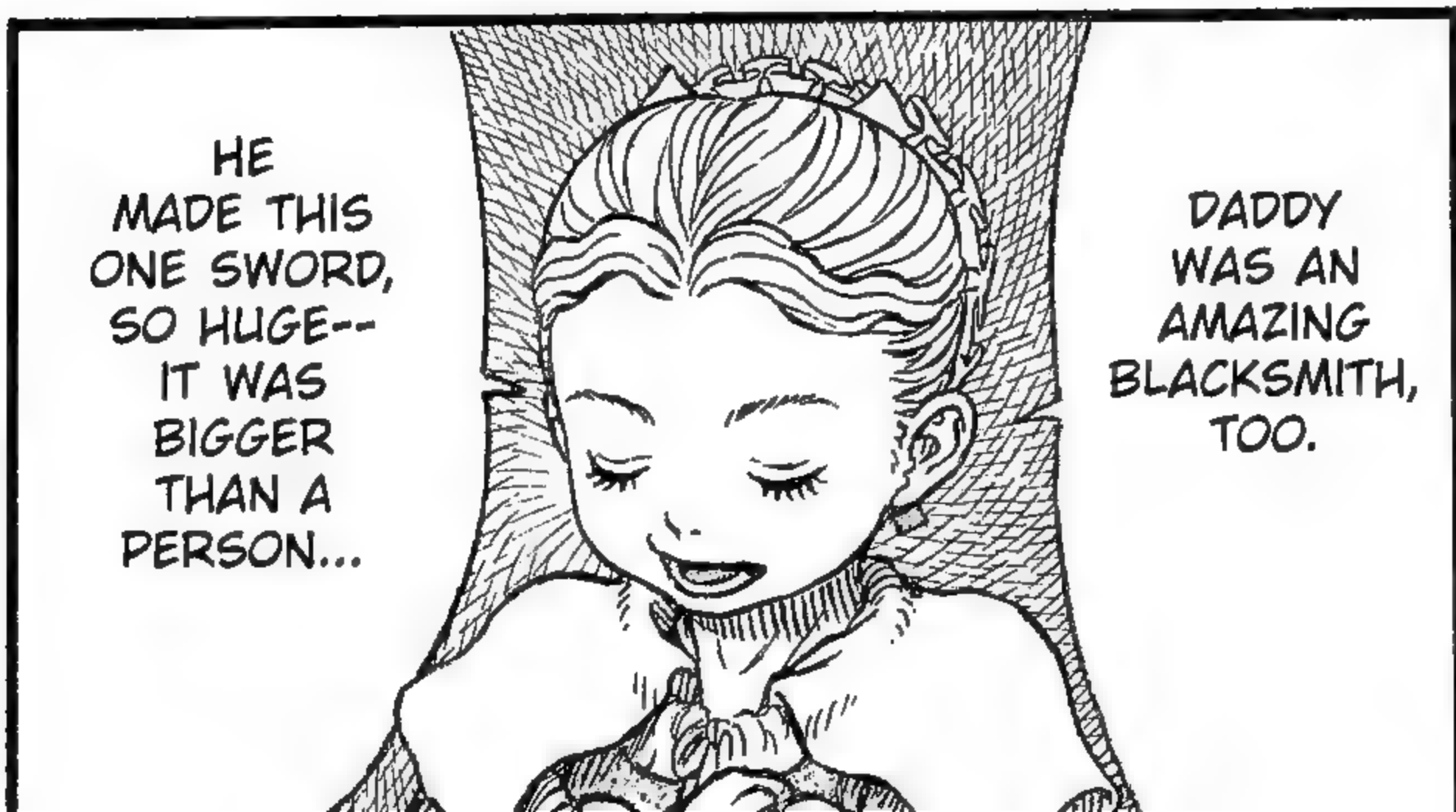
LIKE
"EXPLOSIVES"...

RICKERT'LL
MAKE
JUST
ABOUT
ANYTHING.



HE
DIED A
LONG
TIME
AGO.

WHERE
IS
YOUR
DAD?

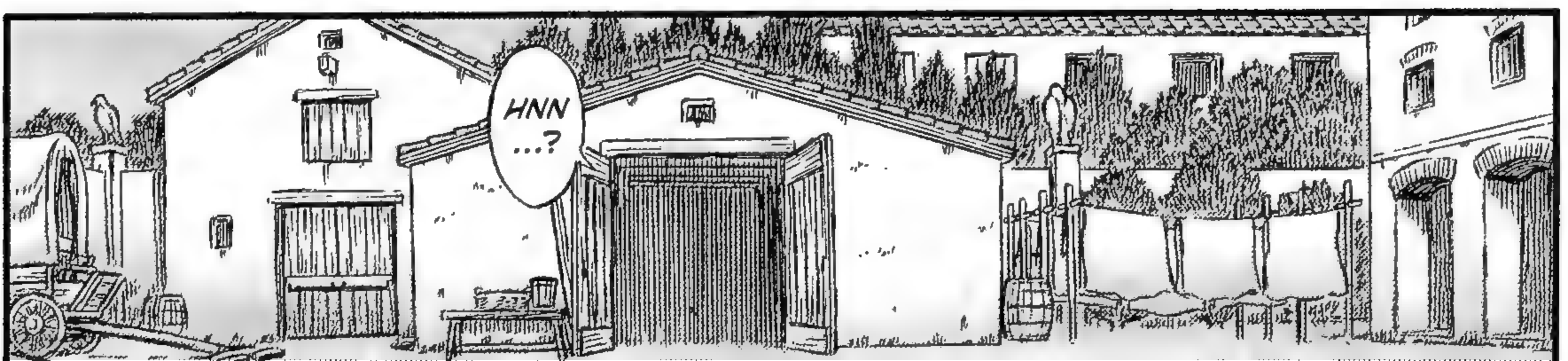
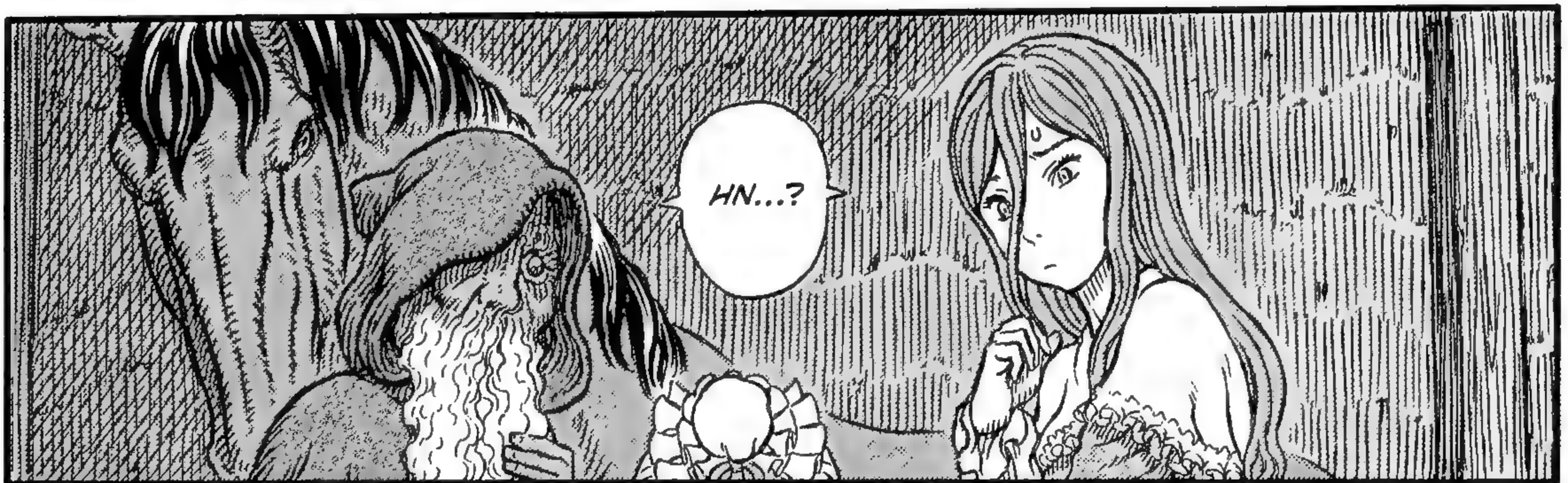
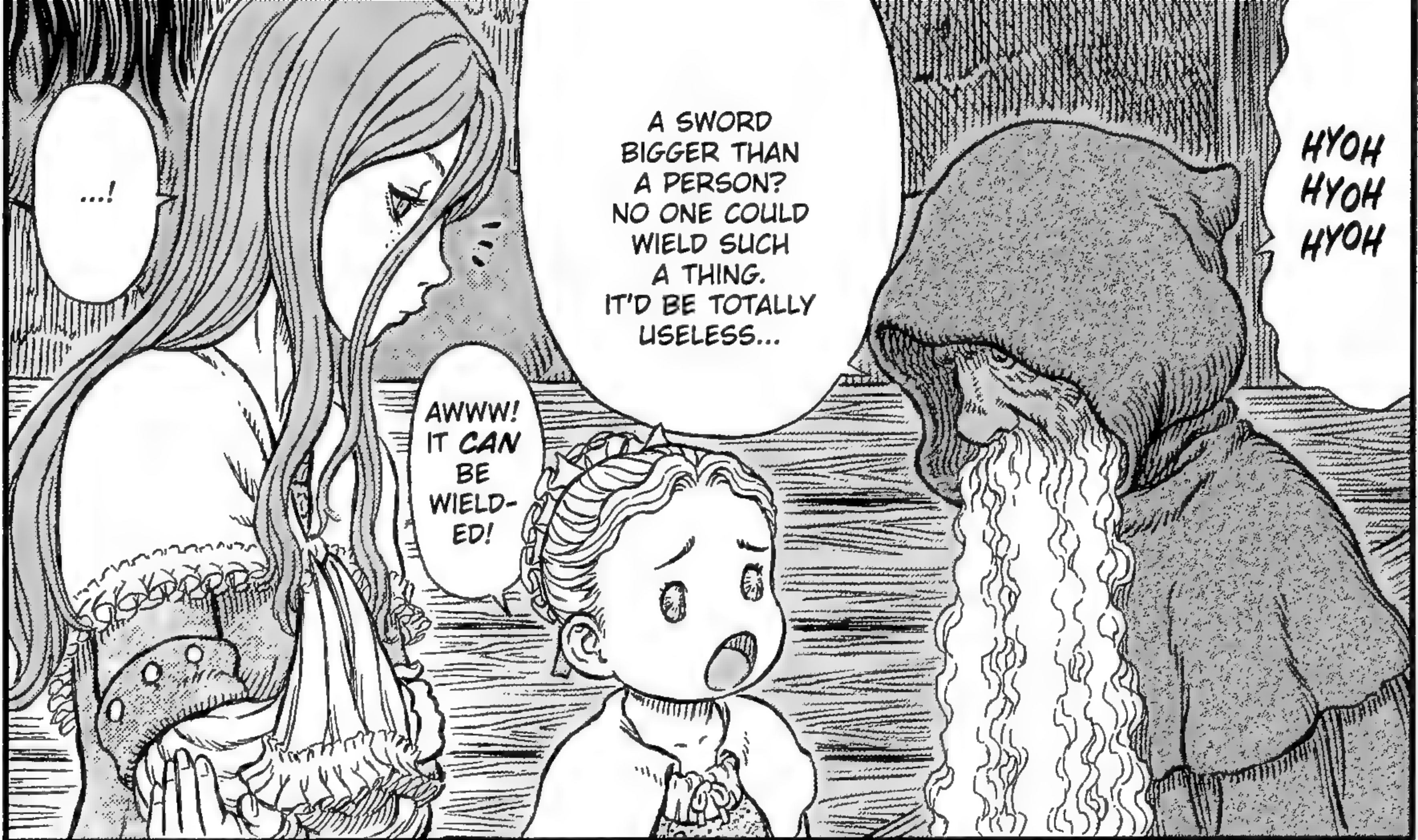


HE
MADE THIS
ONE SWORD,
SO HUGE--
IT WAS
BIGGER
THAN A
PERSON...

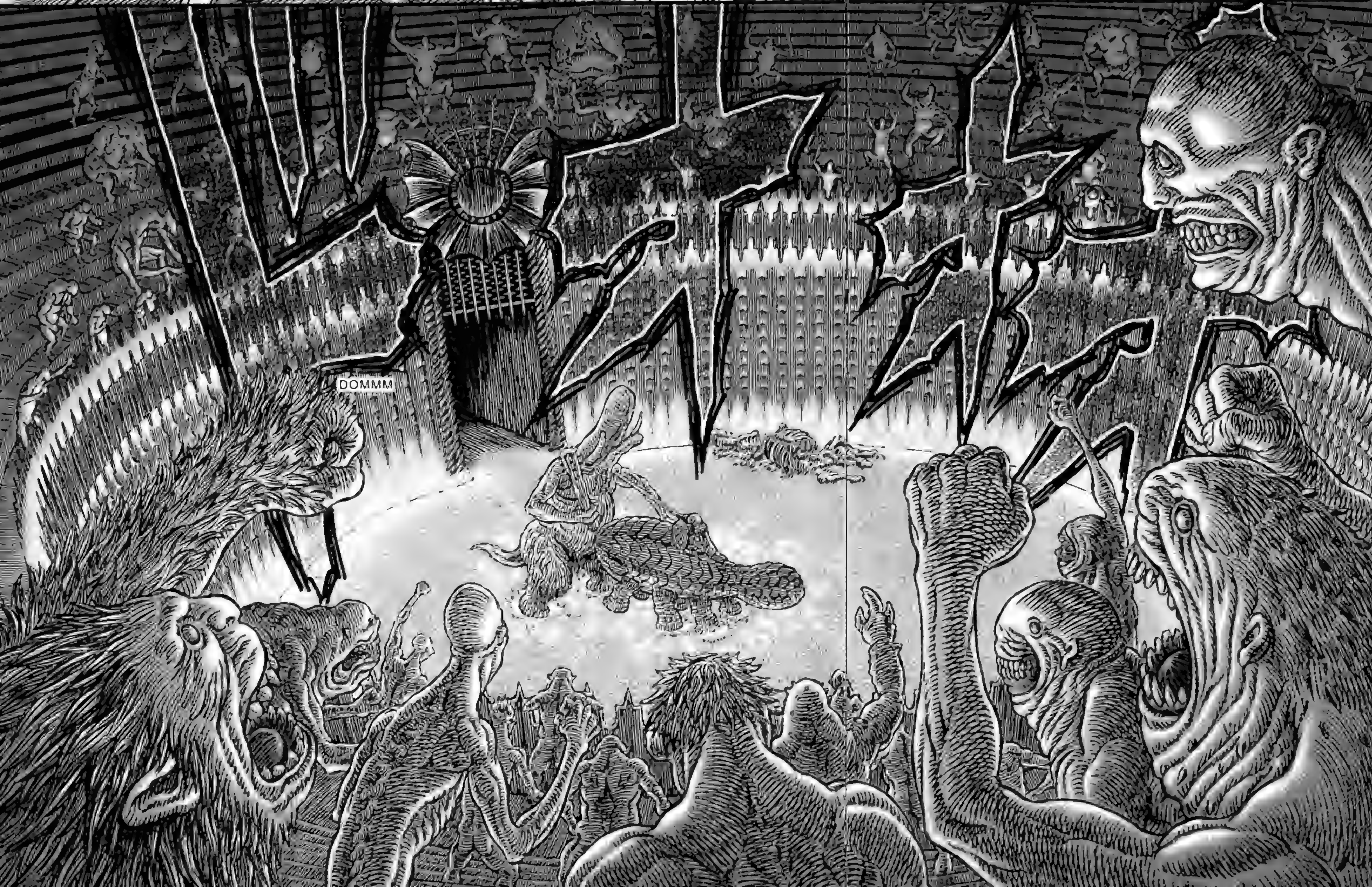
DADDY
WAS AN
AMAZING
BLACKSMITH,
TOO.



HE
MADE THAT
"SUPPORT-
TIVE"
DEVICE FOR
MY DAD
WHEN HIS
LEGS GOT
WEAK.







**WHAT IS
THIS...?!**



...ARE
THE
WAR
DEMONS.

THESE...

...AND
THEY THUS
DEVOTE
THEM-
SELVES
DAY AND
NIGHT TO
COMBAT
TRAINING.

CAPTURED
MONSTERS
ARE
BROUGHT
INTO THE
CASTLE...

THEY ARE,
GENERALLY
SPEAKING,
COMBATIVE.

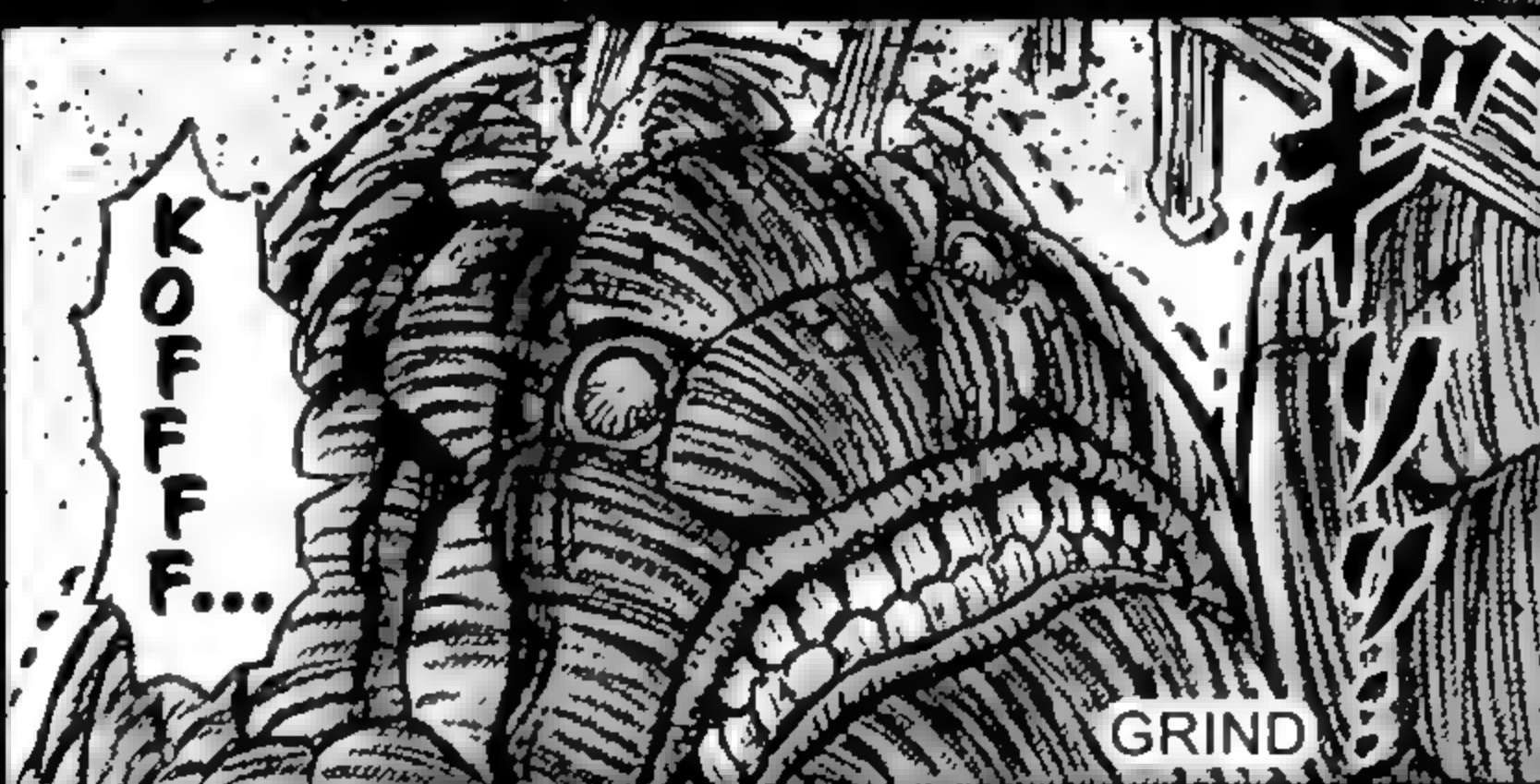
ROHHHHH

...JUST
HUNGRY FOR
BLOOD AND
SLAUGHTER.

CHANCES
ARE...

...THEY'RE
ALL...

...OR
SO THE
STORY
GOES.



KOFFF...

GRIND

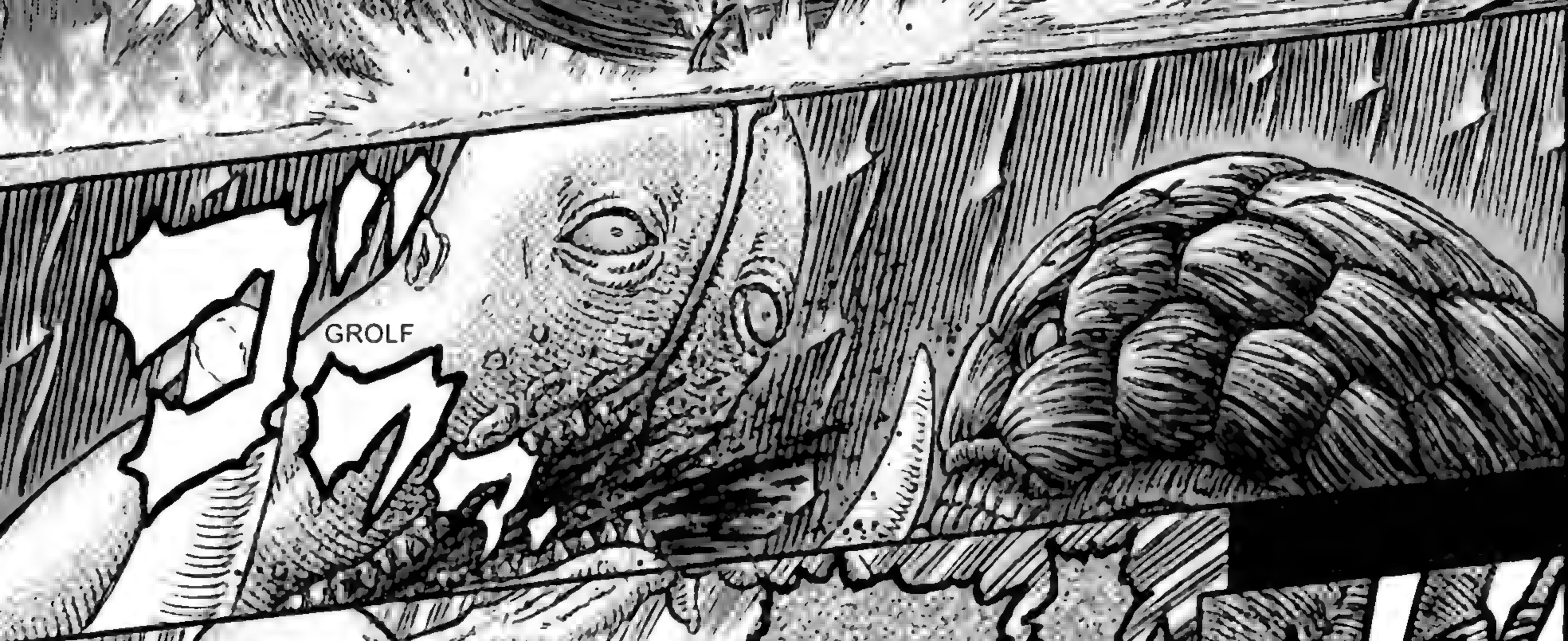


CHFFF



WHOCK

WHOCK



IT'S THESE
SUPERNATURAL
SOLDIERS...

*IT'S
LIKE...*

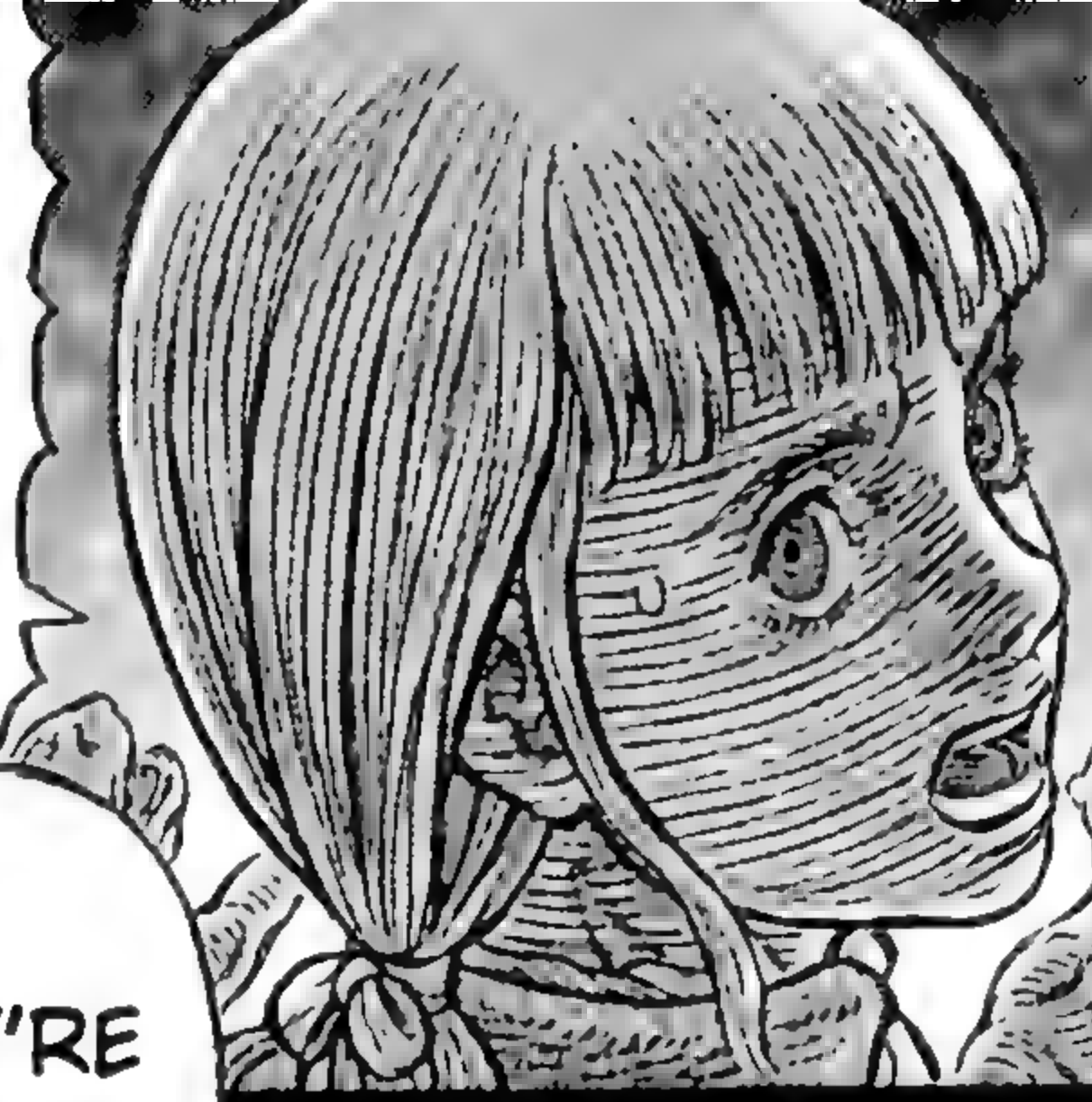
...BEAK
AND
TALONS.

...WHO
ARE THE
HAWK
OF
LIGHT'S...

...A
SCENE
OUT
OF
HELL
!!

ROHHHH



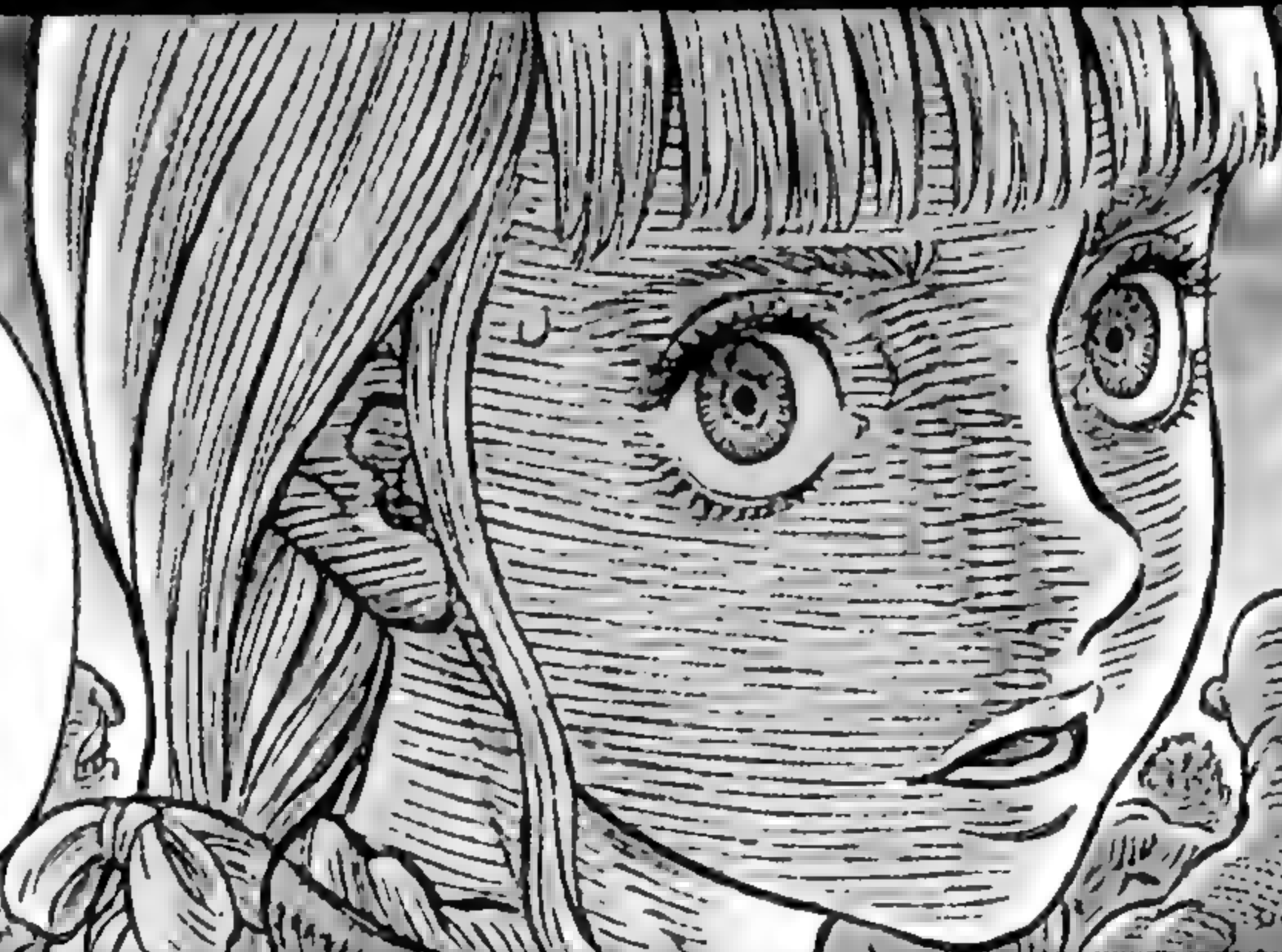


...THE
BAND
OF THE
HAWK
AND
HE--



IN...
IN EXCHANGE
FOR THESE
MONSTERS,
GRIFFITH
TOOK...

THEY'RE
HUMAN.



THESE
ARE
APOSTLES.

THESE
ARE THOSE
REFASHIONED
BY CAUSALITY
AND
EXTRAORDINARY
OBSESSION.

ORIGINALLY
HUMAN.



BEASTS
TO BE
SIMPLY
SHUNNED,
FEARED,
AND
DETESTED.

DOING
NOTHING
BUT HARM
TO THE
WORLD OF
MEN.

...THEY'D
SIMPLY
INDULGE IN
THEIR OWN
DESIRES.

WERE THE
HAWK OF
LIGHT NOT
LEADING
THEM...



HE
MADE
THEM WALK
WITH
MEN...

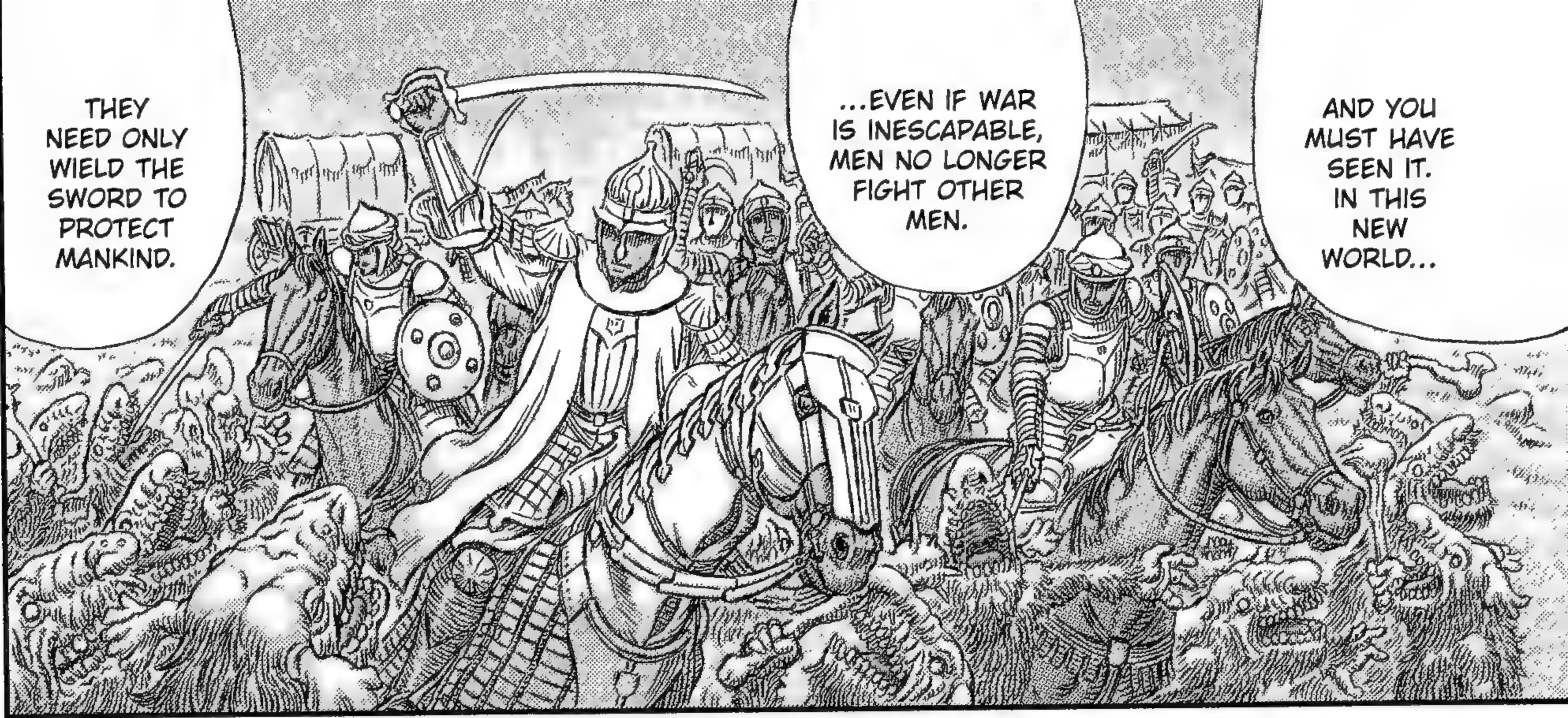
...COMPELLING
THEM TO BE
GUARD BEASTS
FOR THEIR
WORLD.

BUT THE
HAWK OF
LIGHT
FORGED THEM
TOGETHER
INTO A
SWORD.



...A
PLACE
WHERE
WE
BELONG.

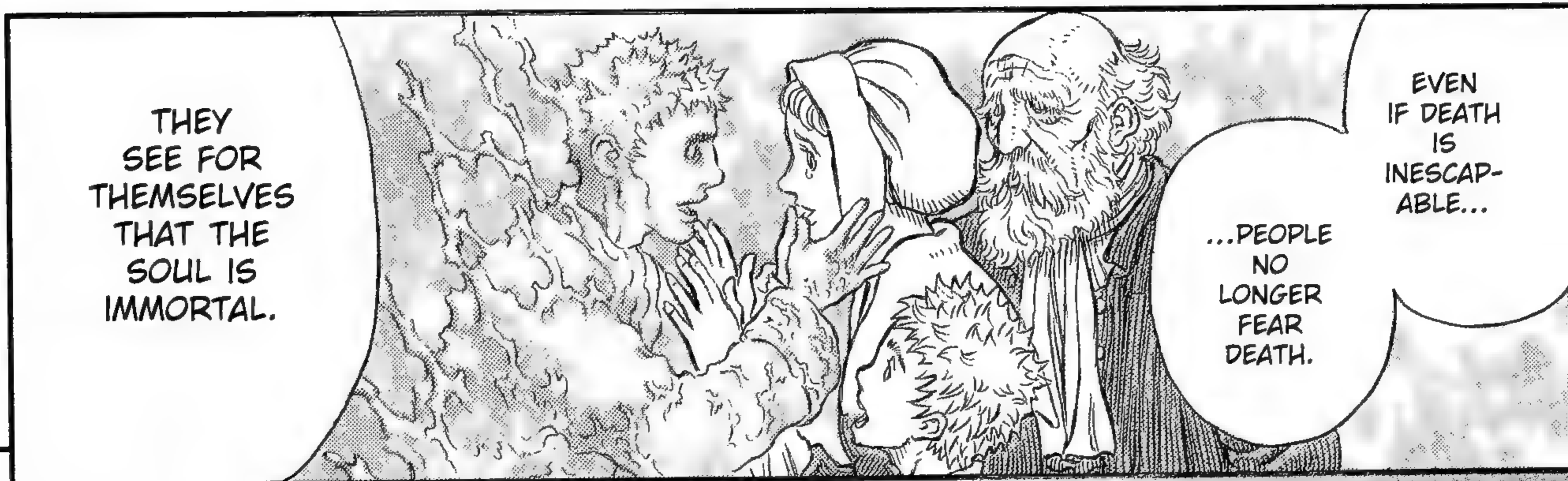
HE GAVE
EVEN
BRUTES
LIKE
US...



THEY
NEED ONLY
WIELD THE
SWORD TO
PROTECT
MANKIND.

...EVEN IF WAR
IS INESCAPABLE,
MEN NO LONGER
FIGHT OTHER
MEN.

AND YOU
MUST HAVE
SEEN IT.
IN THIS
NEW
WORLD...



THEY
SEE FOR
THEMSELVES
THAT THE
SOUL IS
IMMORTAL.

EVEN
IF DEATH
IS
INESCAP-
ABLE...

...PEOPLE
NO
LONGER
FEAR
DEATH.



AN
INCISIVE
UTOPIA.

NO
GREAT KING
IN HISTORY
HAS EVER
BEEN ABLE
TO ACHIEVE
THIS.

THAT IS
THE LAND
THE HAWK
OF LIGHT
BRINGS
ABOUT FOR
MANKIND.

FALCONIA.

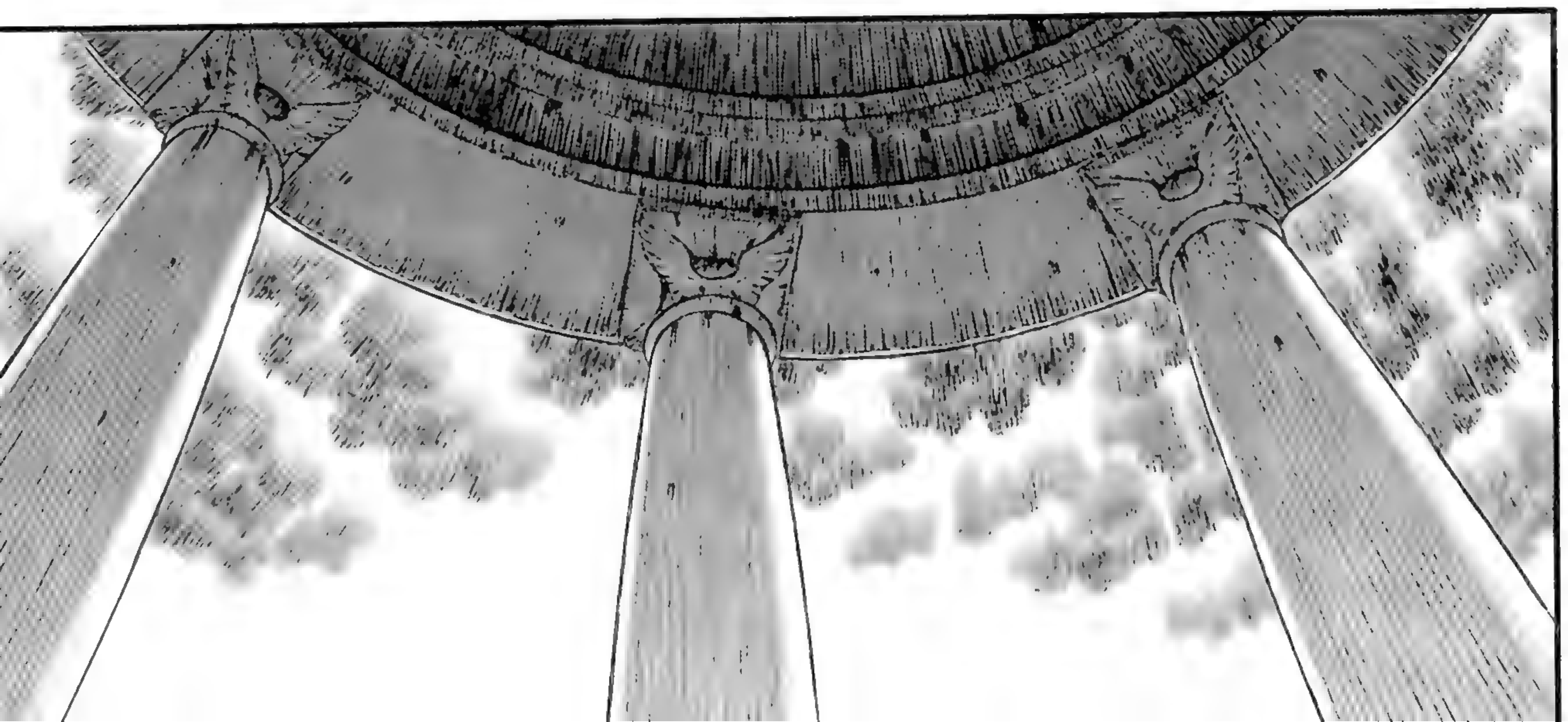
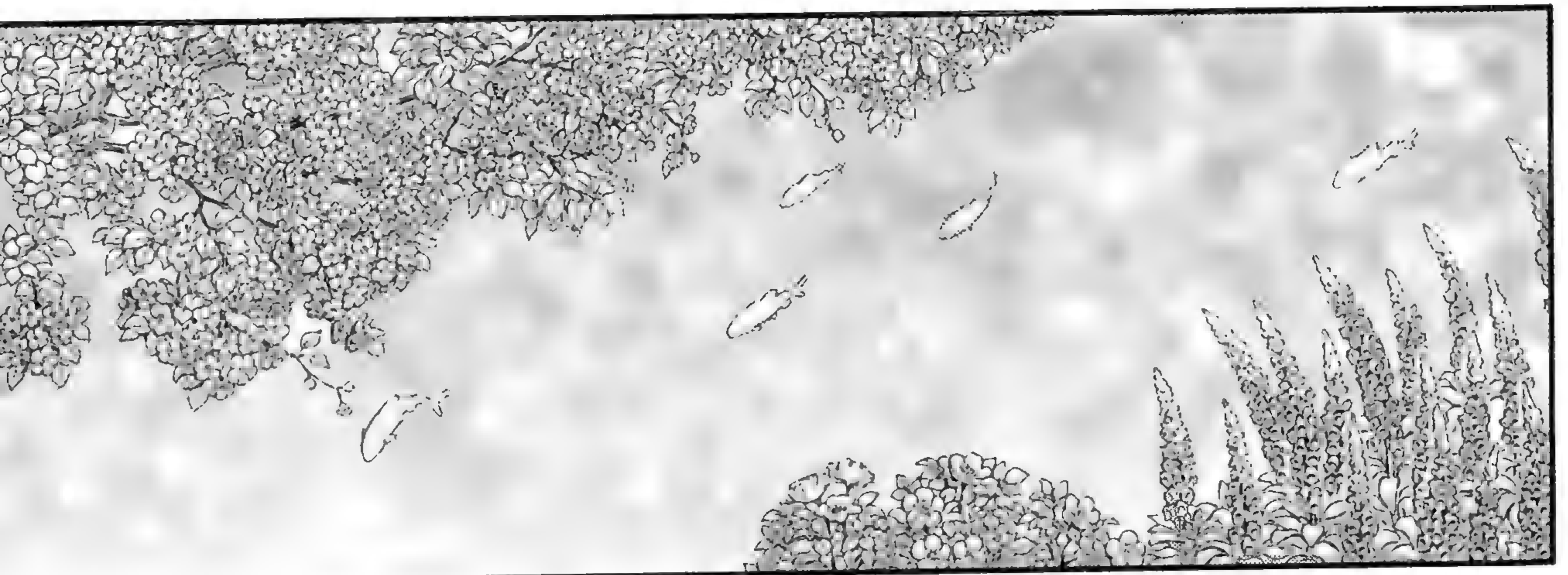
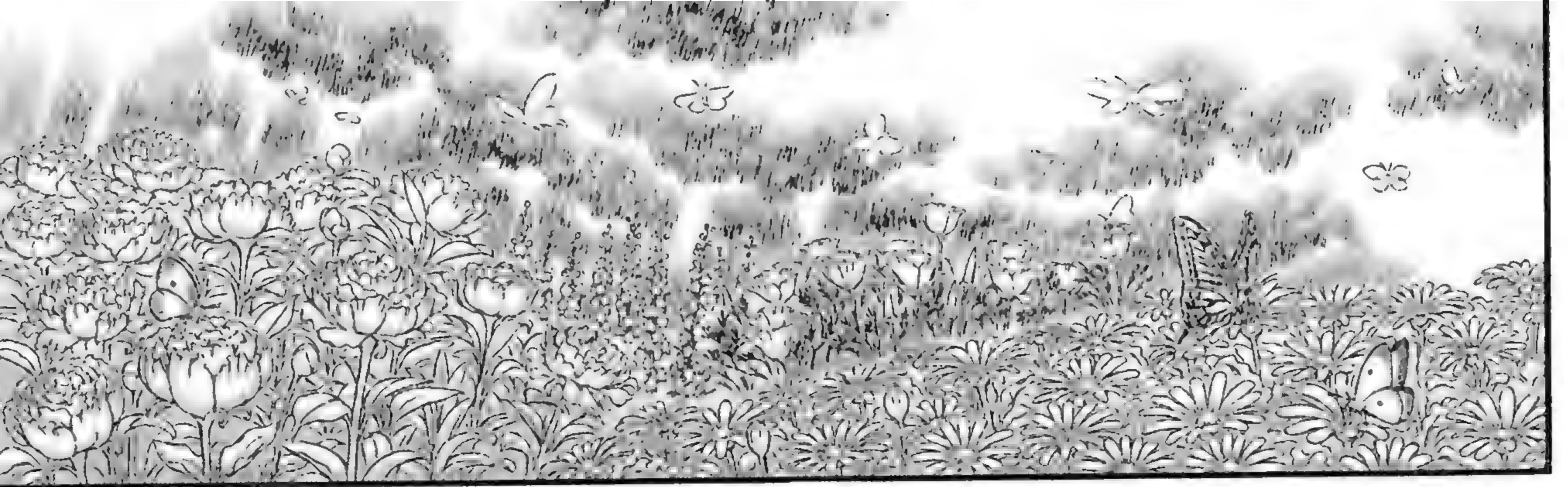


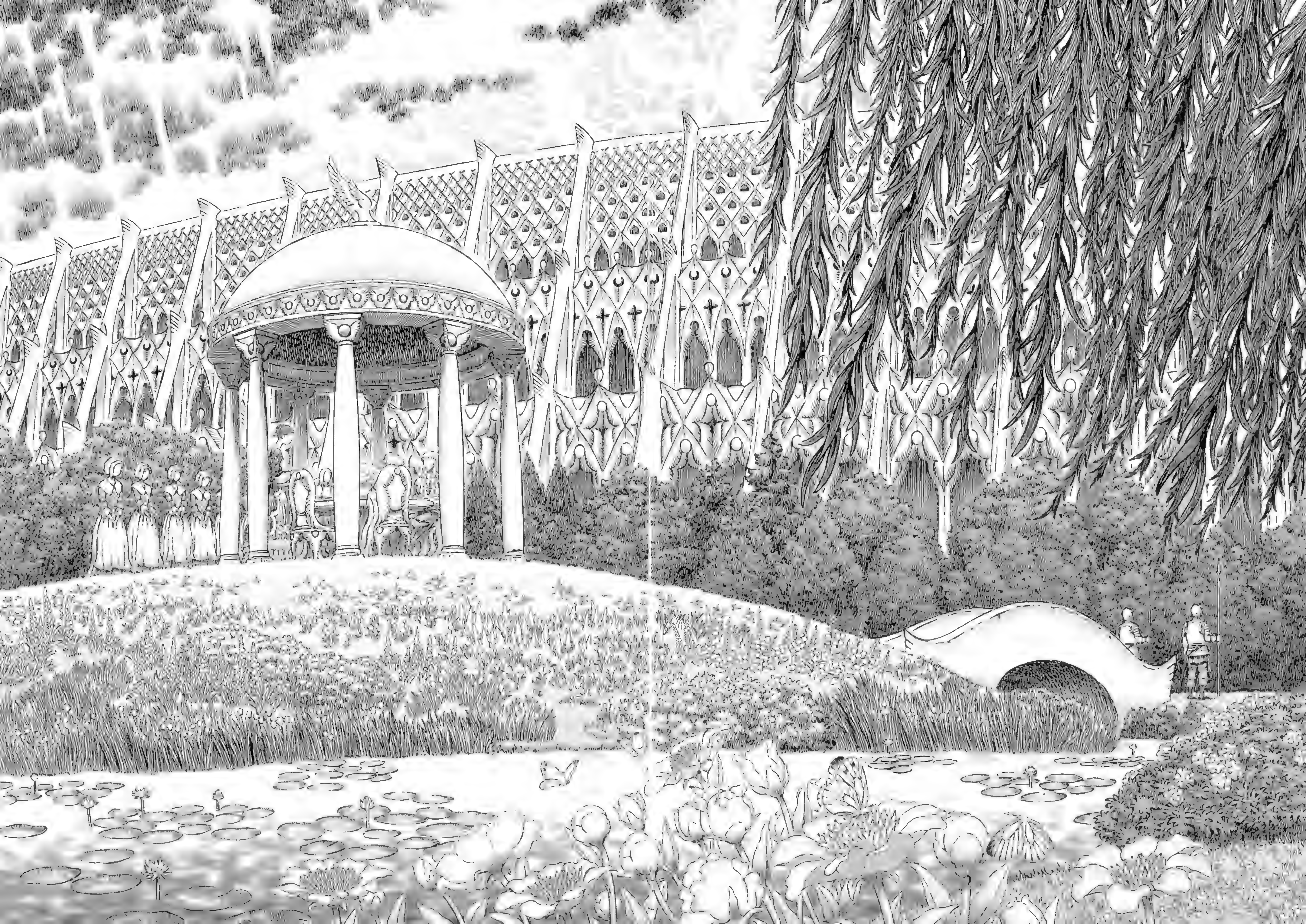
B E R K

幻造世界ファンタジー篇／妖精島の章

別離の橋

BRIDGE OF PARTING



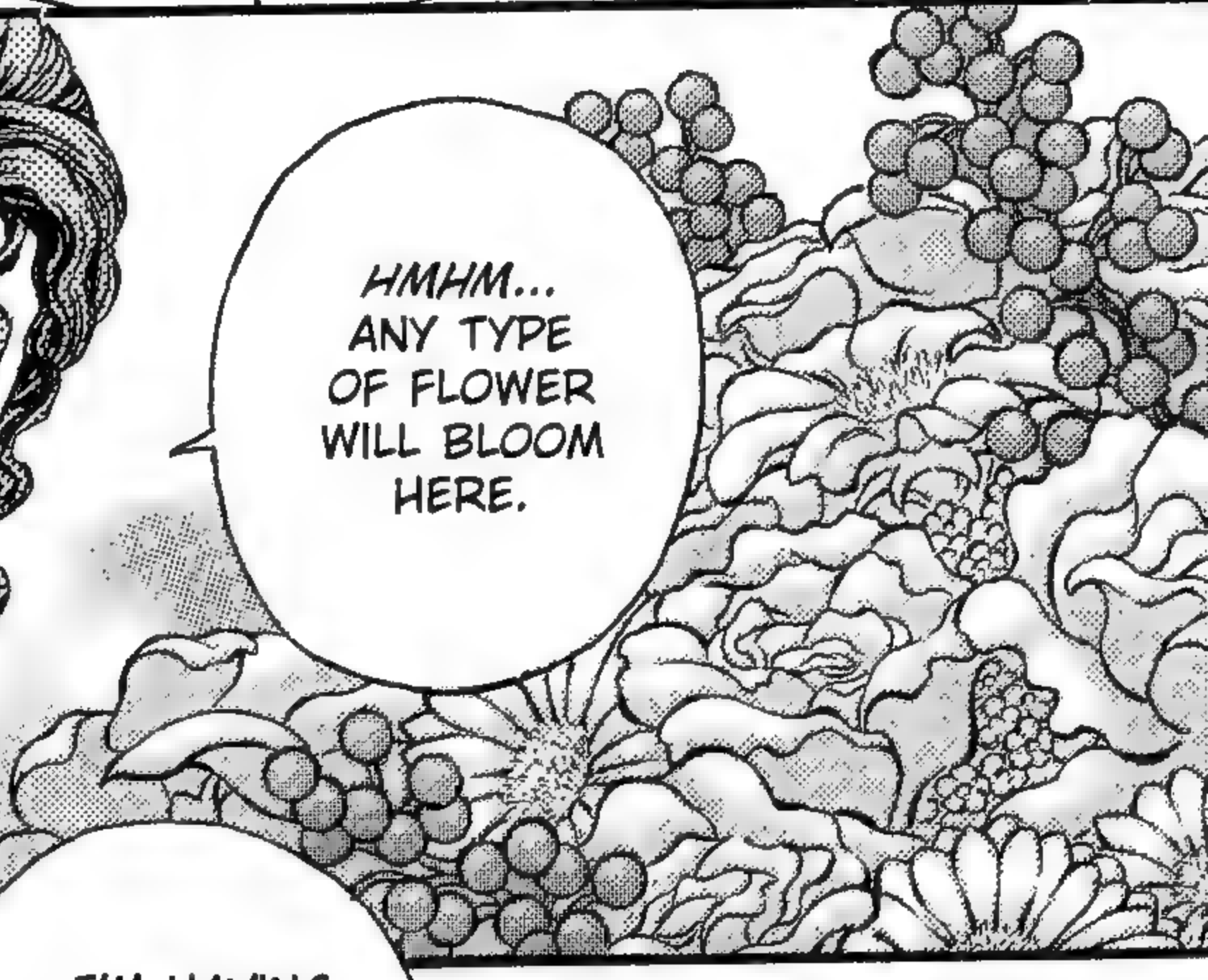




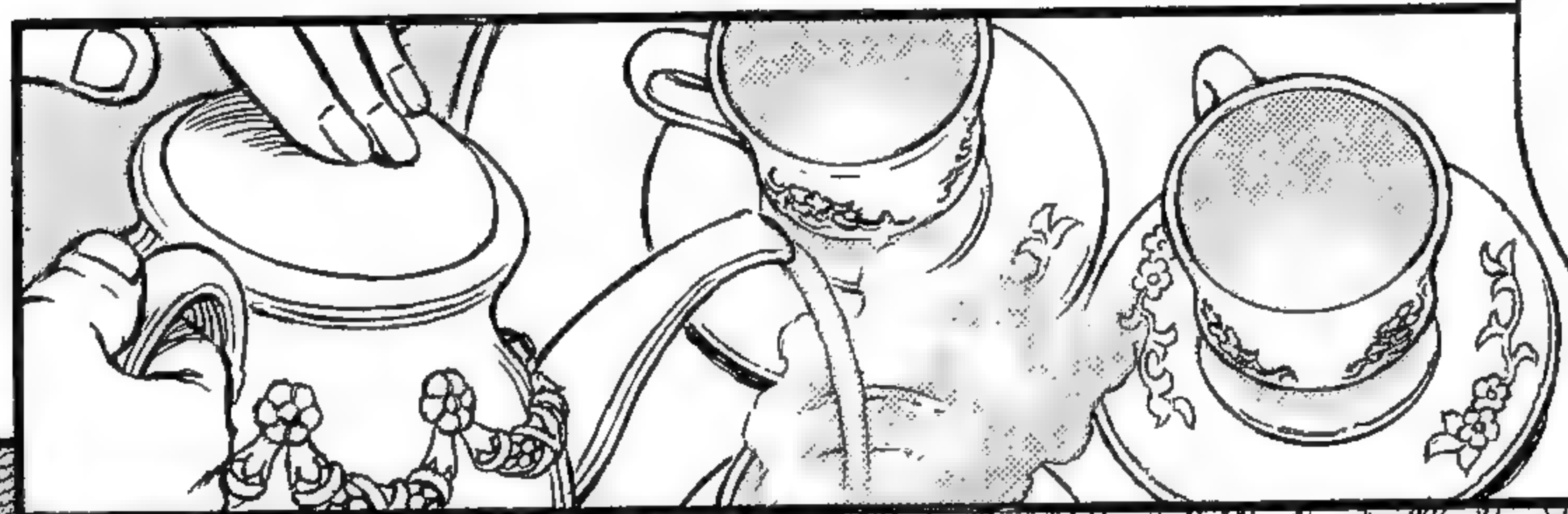
THERE SEEM
TO BE MORE
FLOWERS
AGAIN.



IT
PLEASES
ME SO
MUCH...



HMMH...
ANY TYPE
OF FLOWER
WILL BLOOM
HERE.



...I'M HAVING
FLOWERS
FROM ALL
LANDS BROUGHT
TO THIS
GARDEN, LITTLE
BY LITTLE.

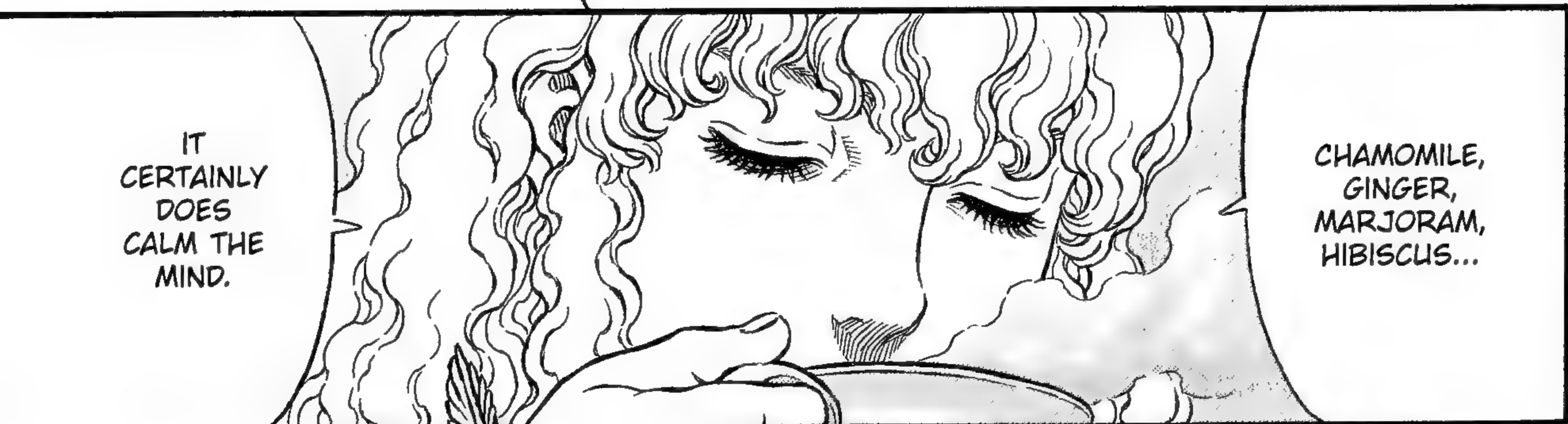
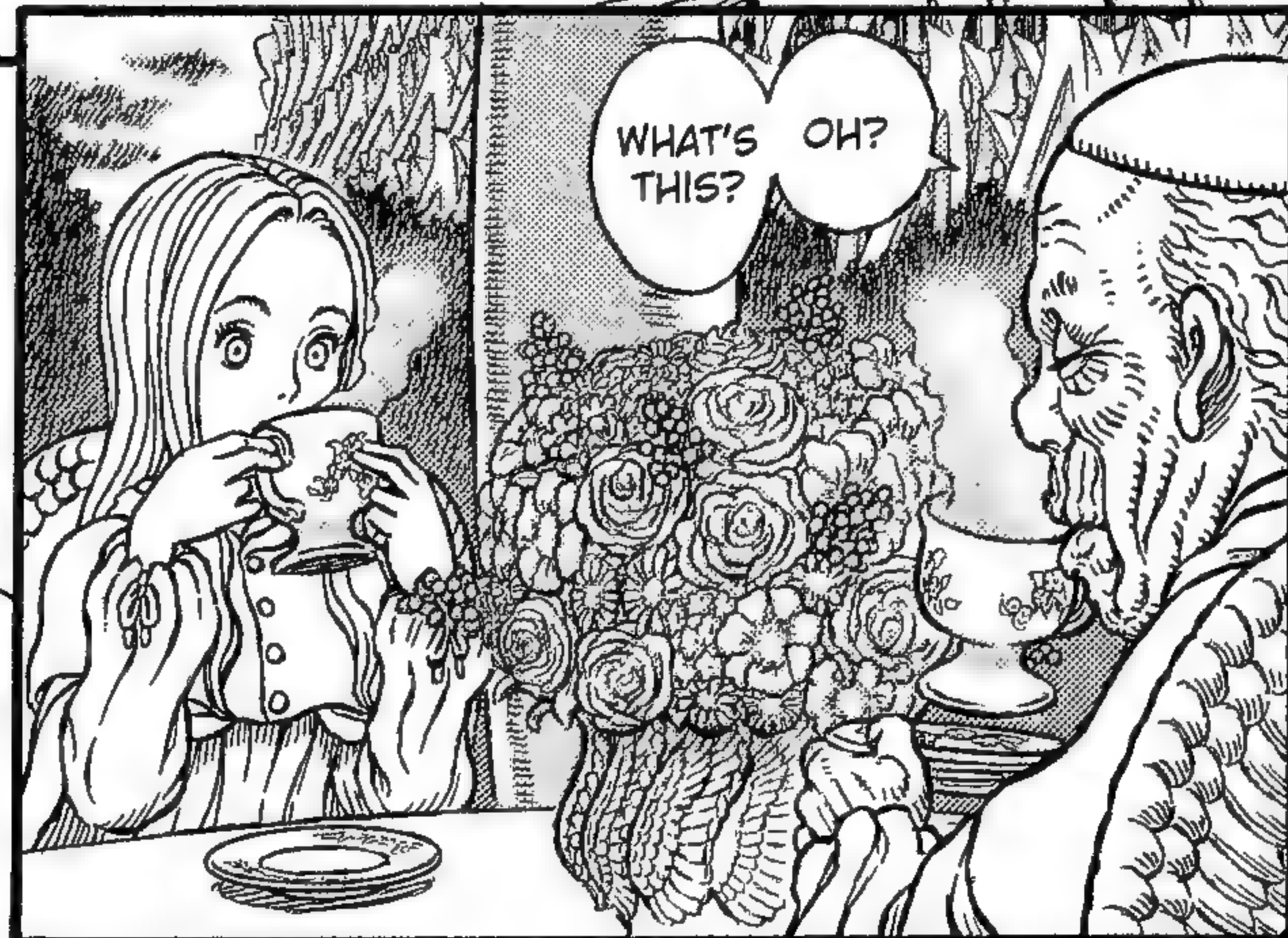
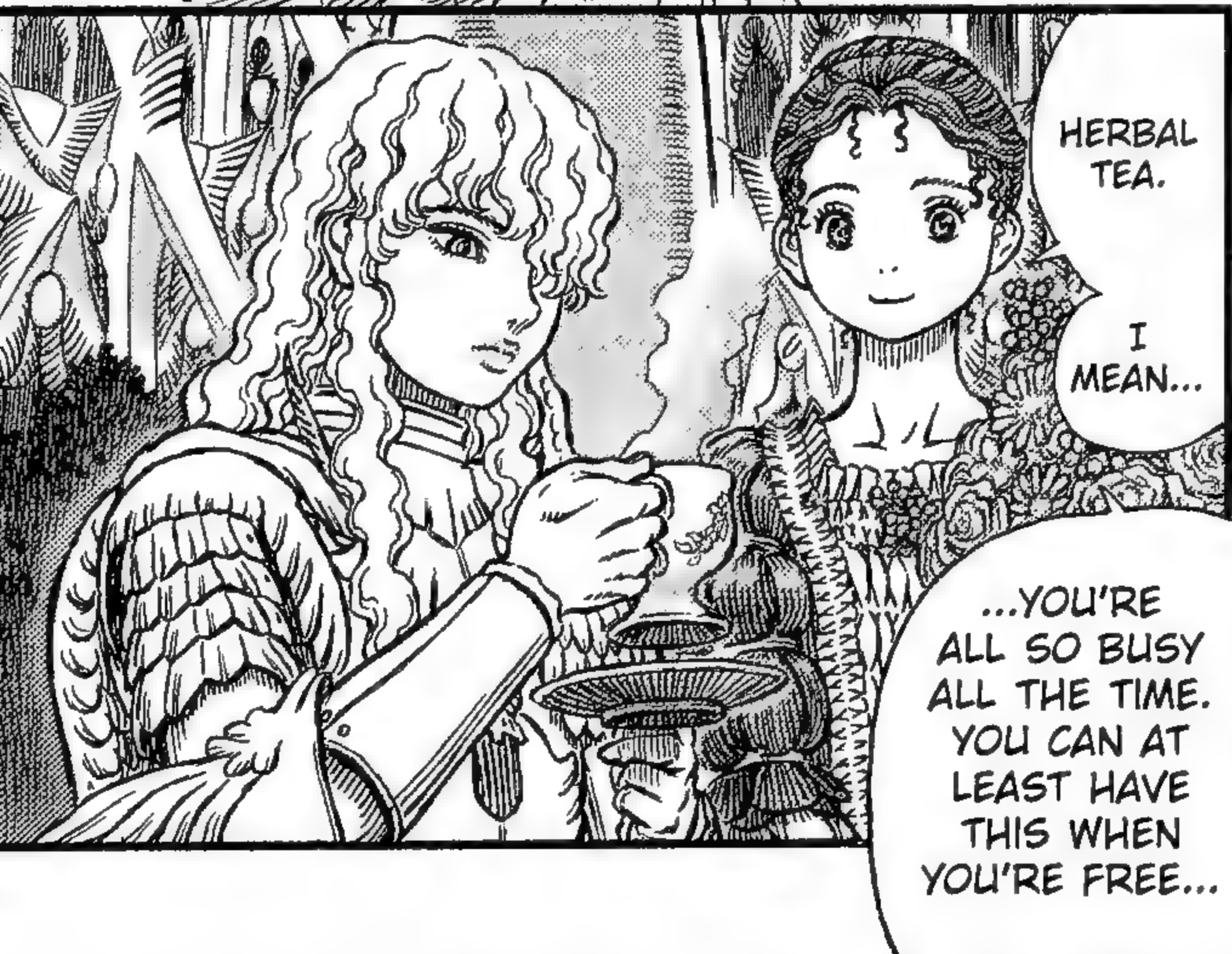
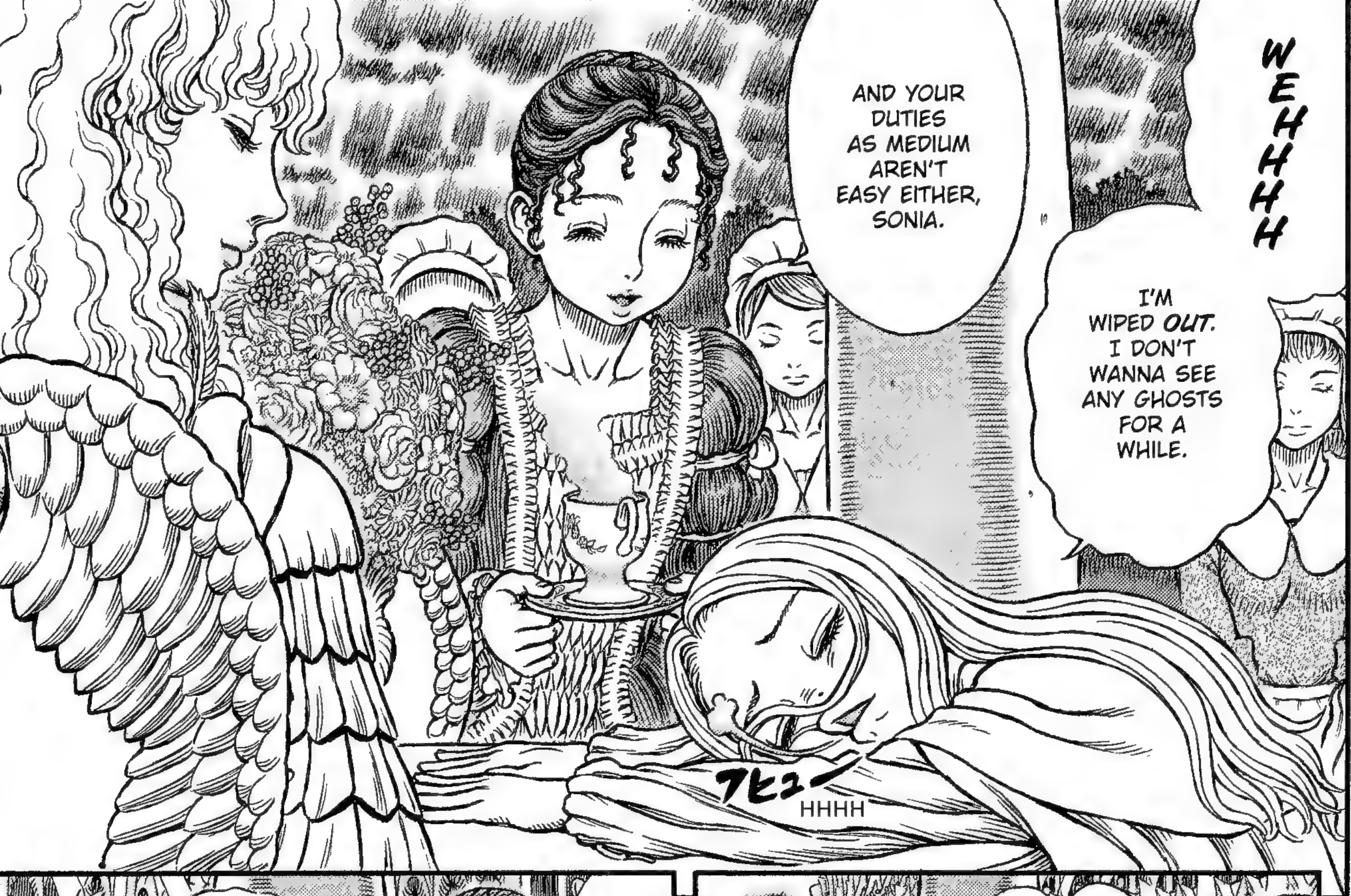


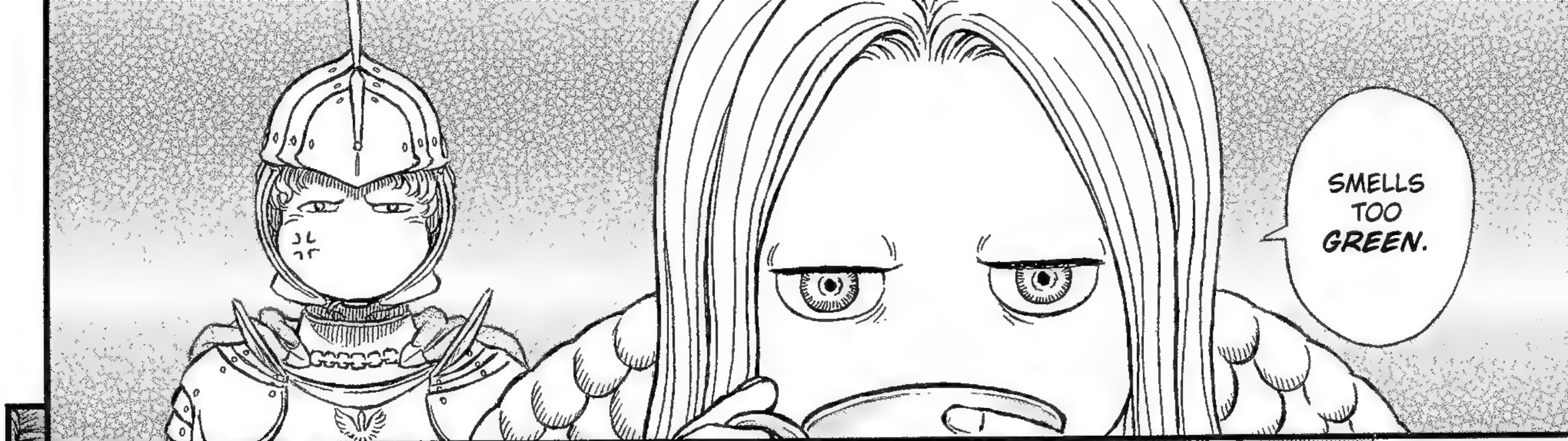
HO-
HO...

WELL.

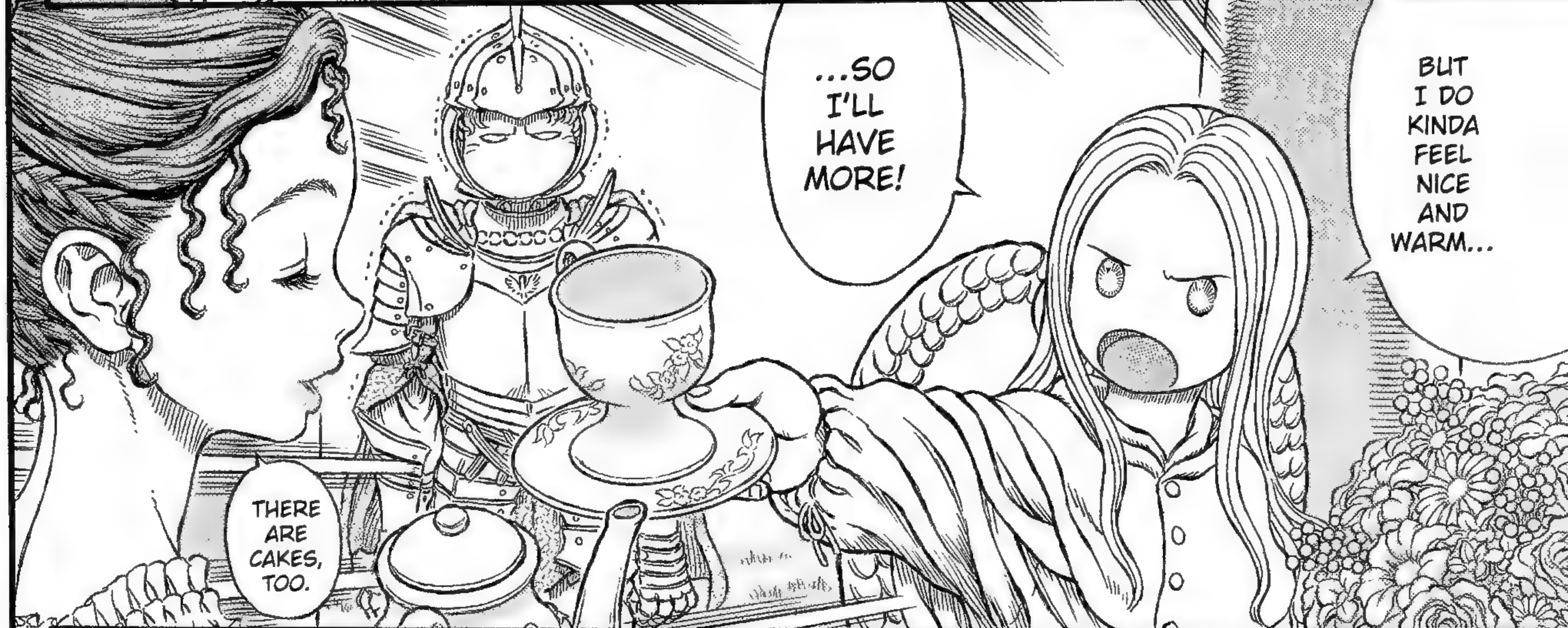
HERE,
YOUR
HOLINESS.
THANK
YOU
FOR
TODAY.

I'M MUCH
OBLIGED THAT
YOUR HIGHNESS
WOULD SERVE
ME PERSONALLY.





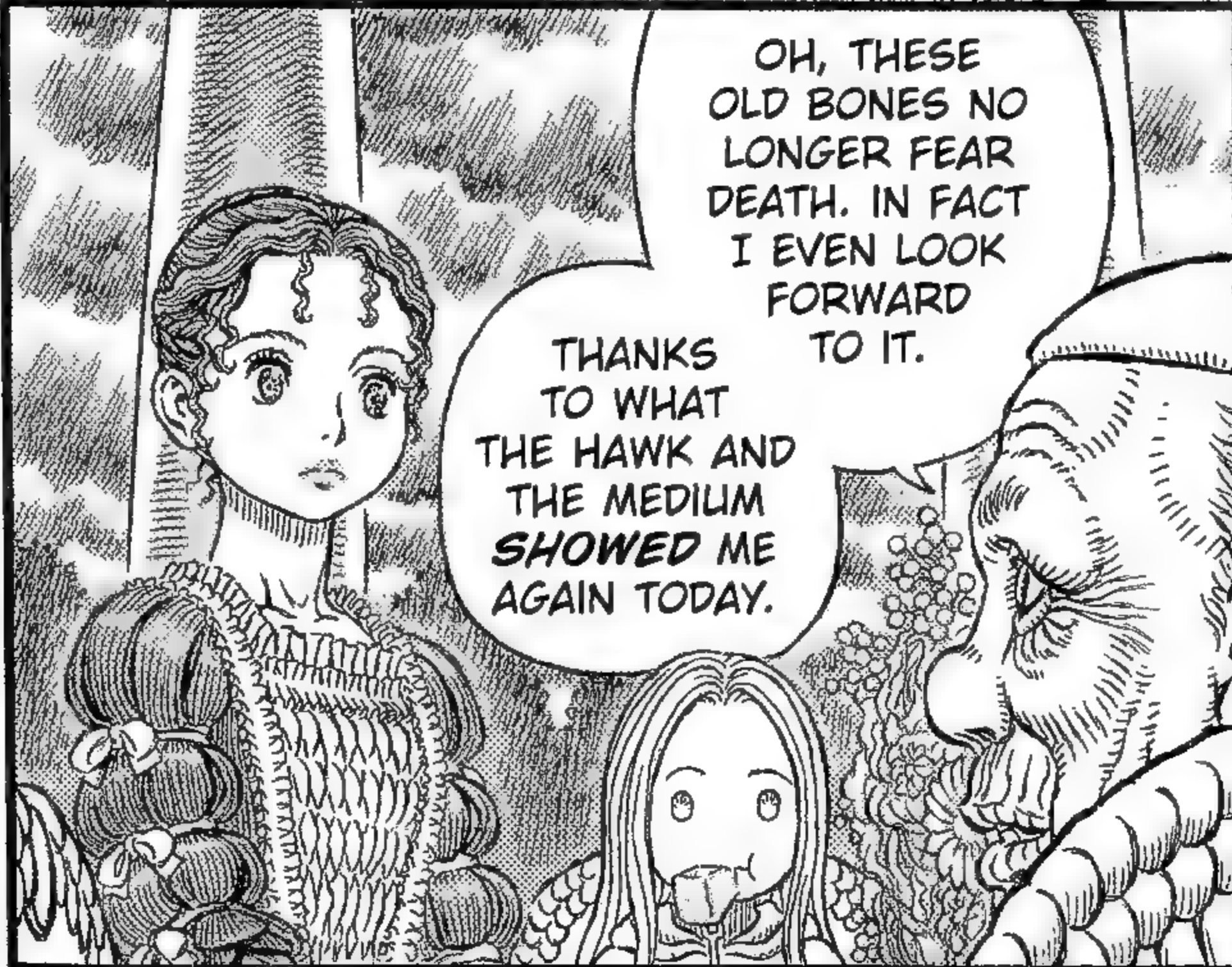
SMELLS
TOO
GREEN.



...SO
I'LL
HAVE
MORE!

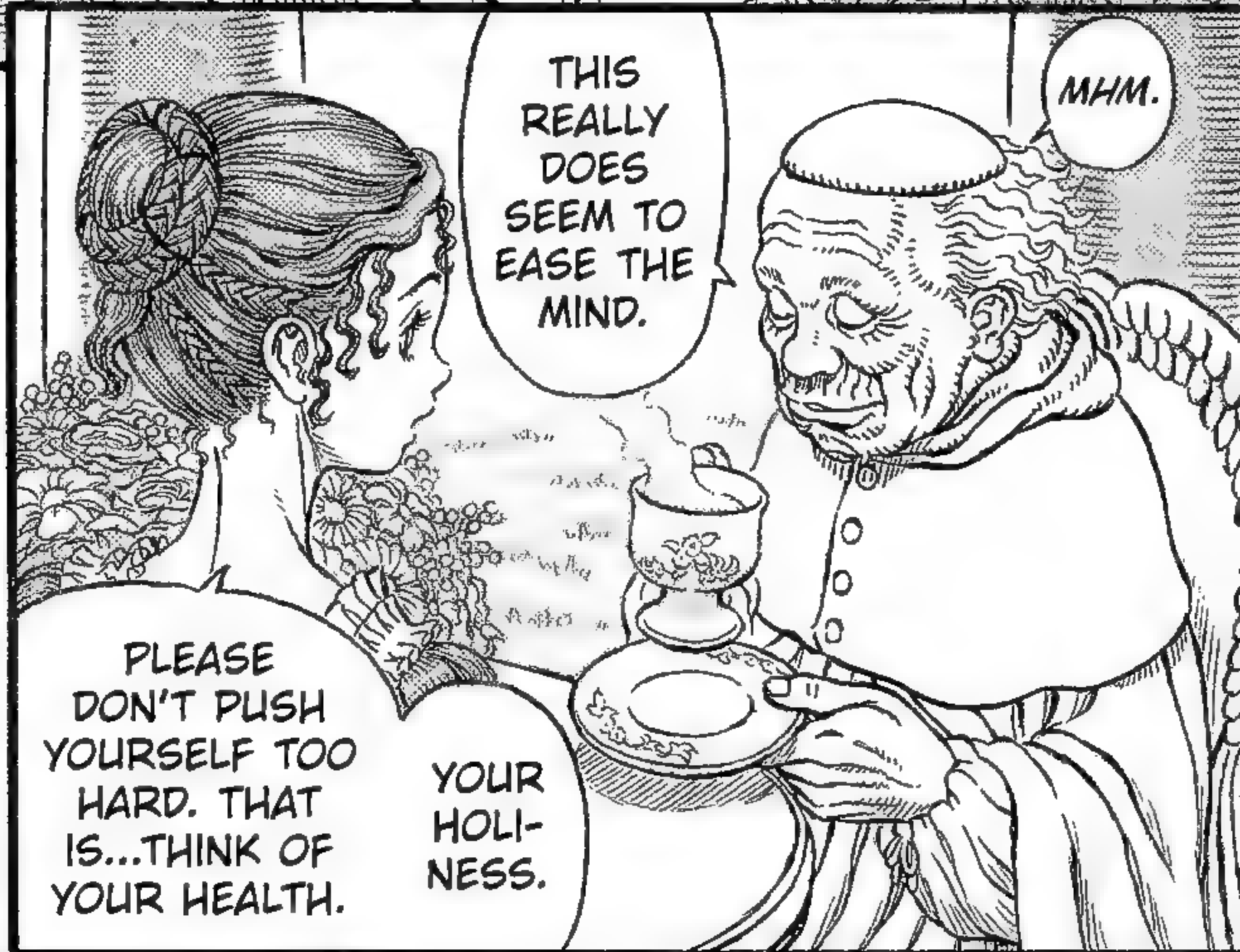
BUT
I DO
KINDA
FEEL
NICE
AND
WARM...

THERE
ARE
CAKES,
TOO.



OH, THESE
OLD BONES NO
LONGER FEAR
DEATH. IN FACT
I EVEN LOOK
FORWARD
TO IT.

THANKS
TO WHAT
THE HAWK AND
THE MEDIUM
SHOWED ME
AGAIN TODAY.



THIS
REALLY
DOES
SEEM TO
EASE THE
MIND.

MHM.

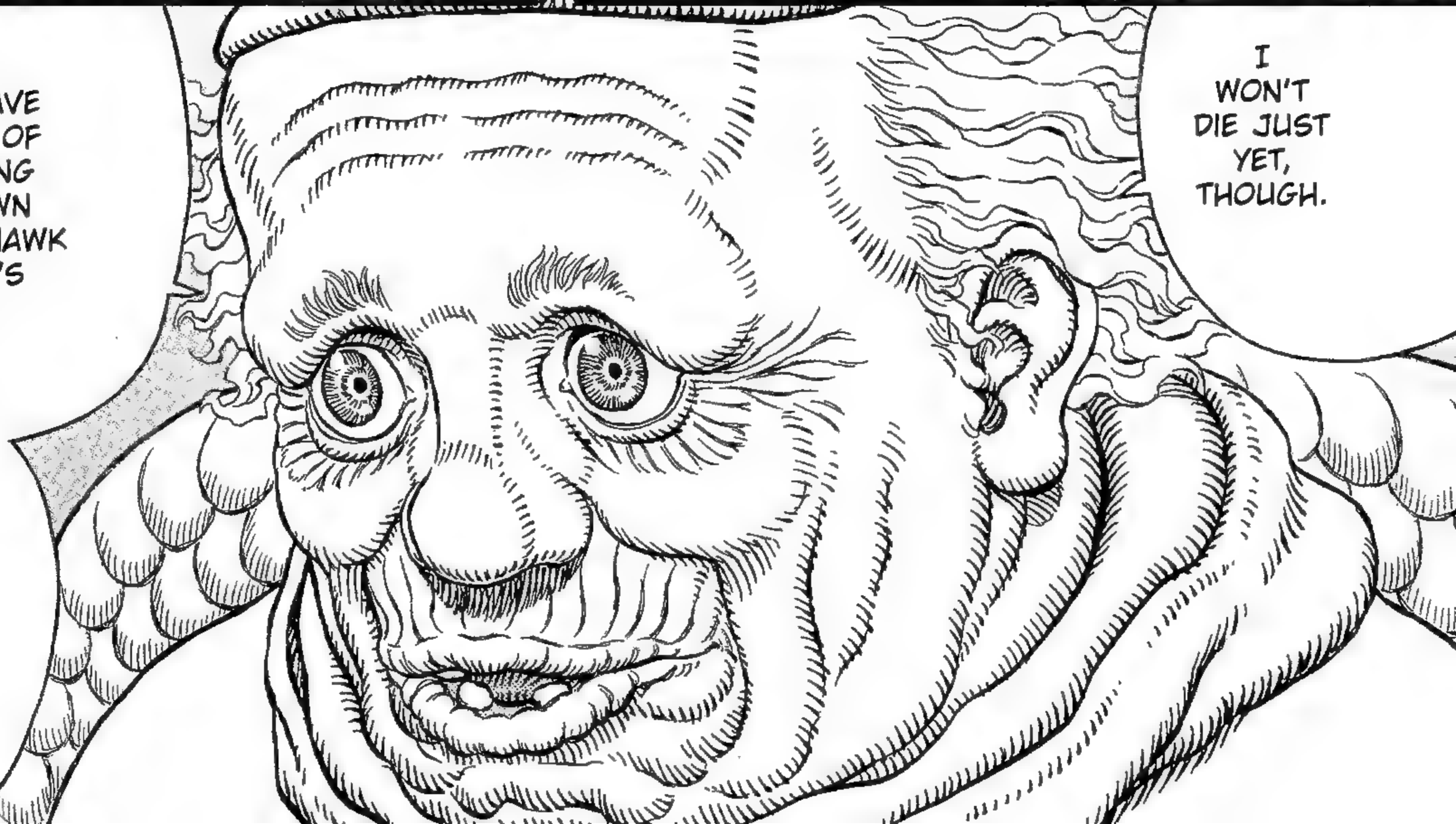
PLEASE
DON'T PUSH
YOURSELF TOO
HARD. THAT
IS...THINK OF
YOUR HEALTH.

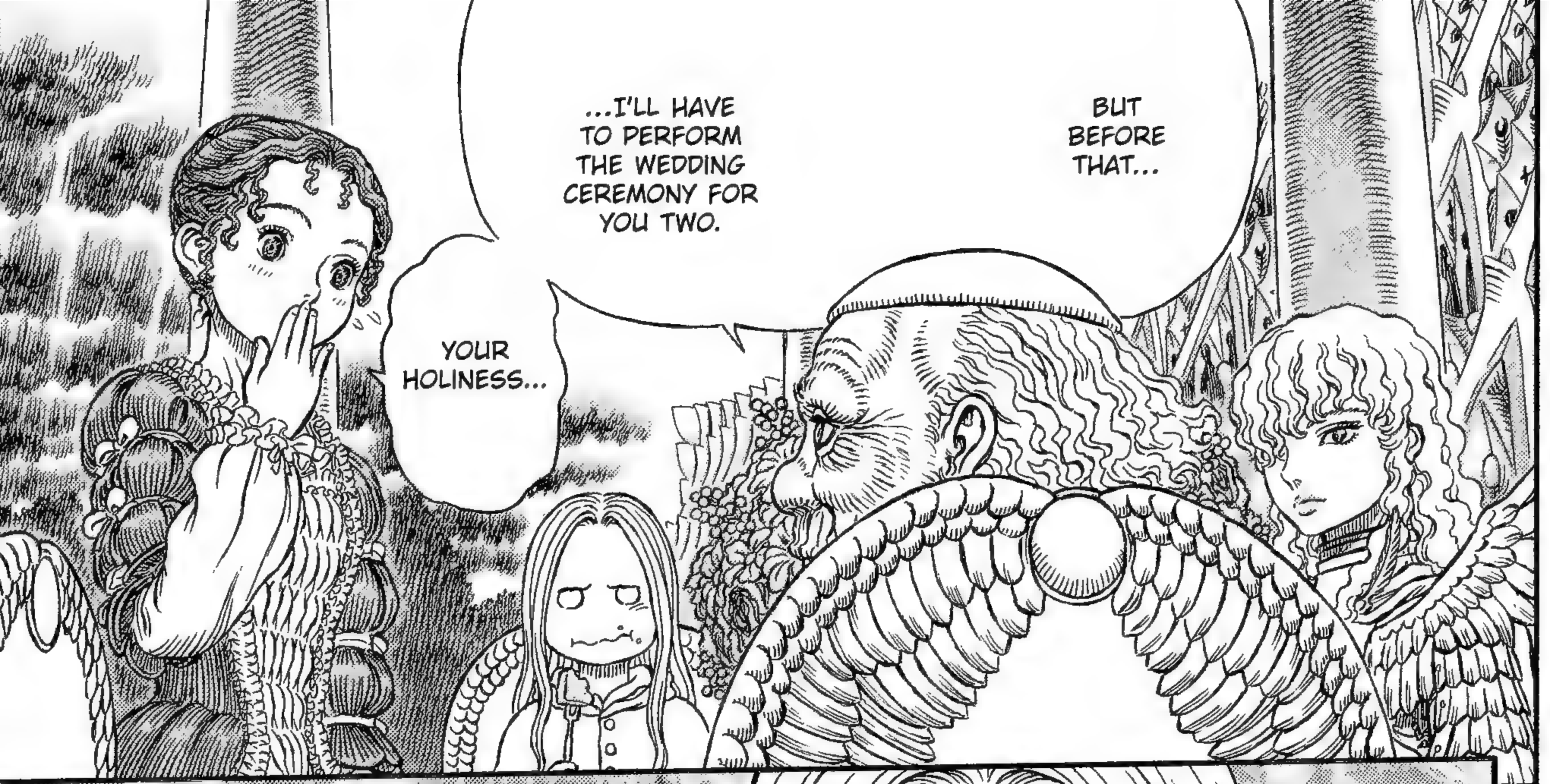
YOUR
HOLI-
NESS.

I STILL HAVE
THE DUTY OF
PRESENTING
THE CROWN
UPON THE HAWK
OF LIGHT'S
HEAD.

NO,
THE **DESTINY**
OF DOING
SO.

I
WON'T
DIE JUST
YET,
THOUGH.





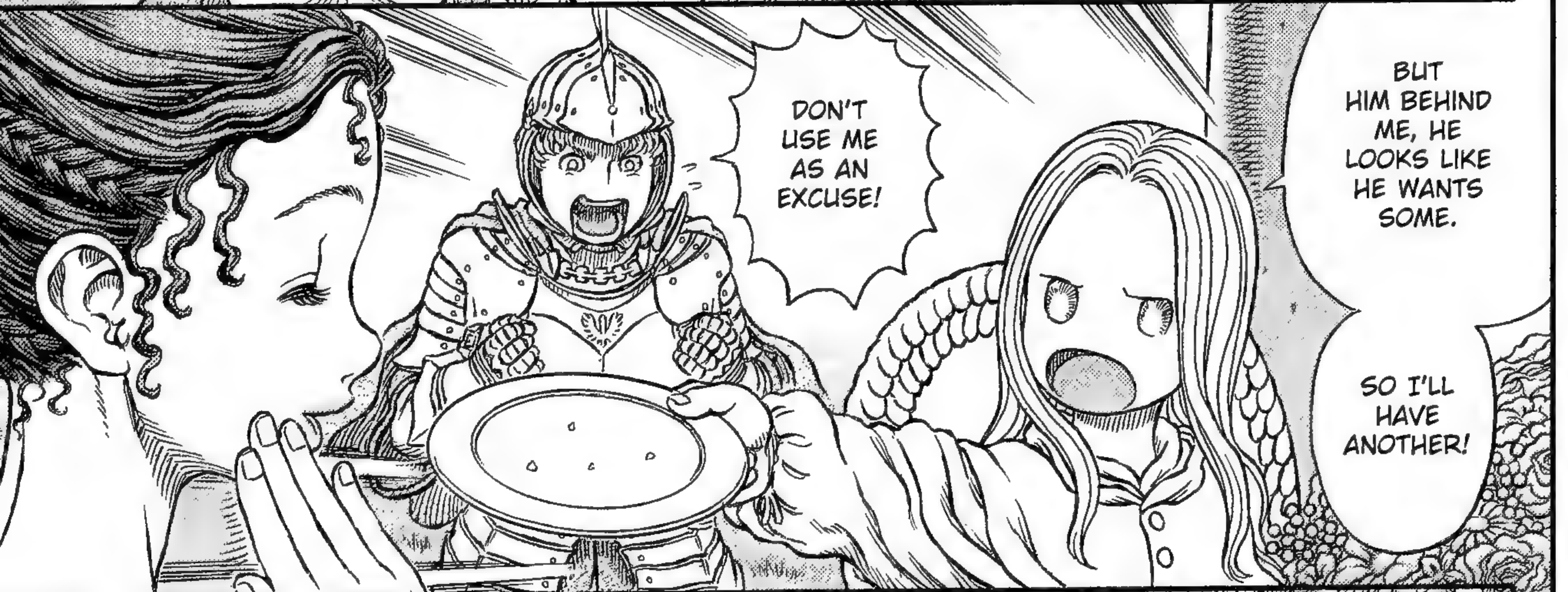
...I'LL HAVE
TO PERFORM
THE WEDDING
CEREMONY FOR
YOU TWO.

BUT
BEFORE
THAT...

YOUR
HOLINESS...



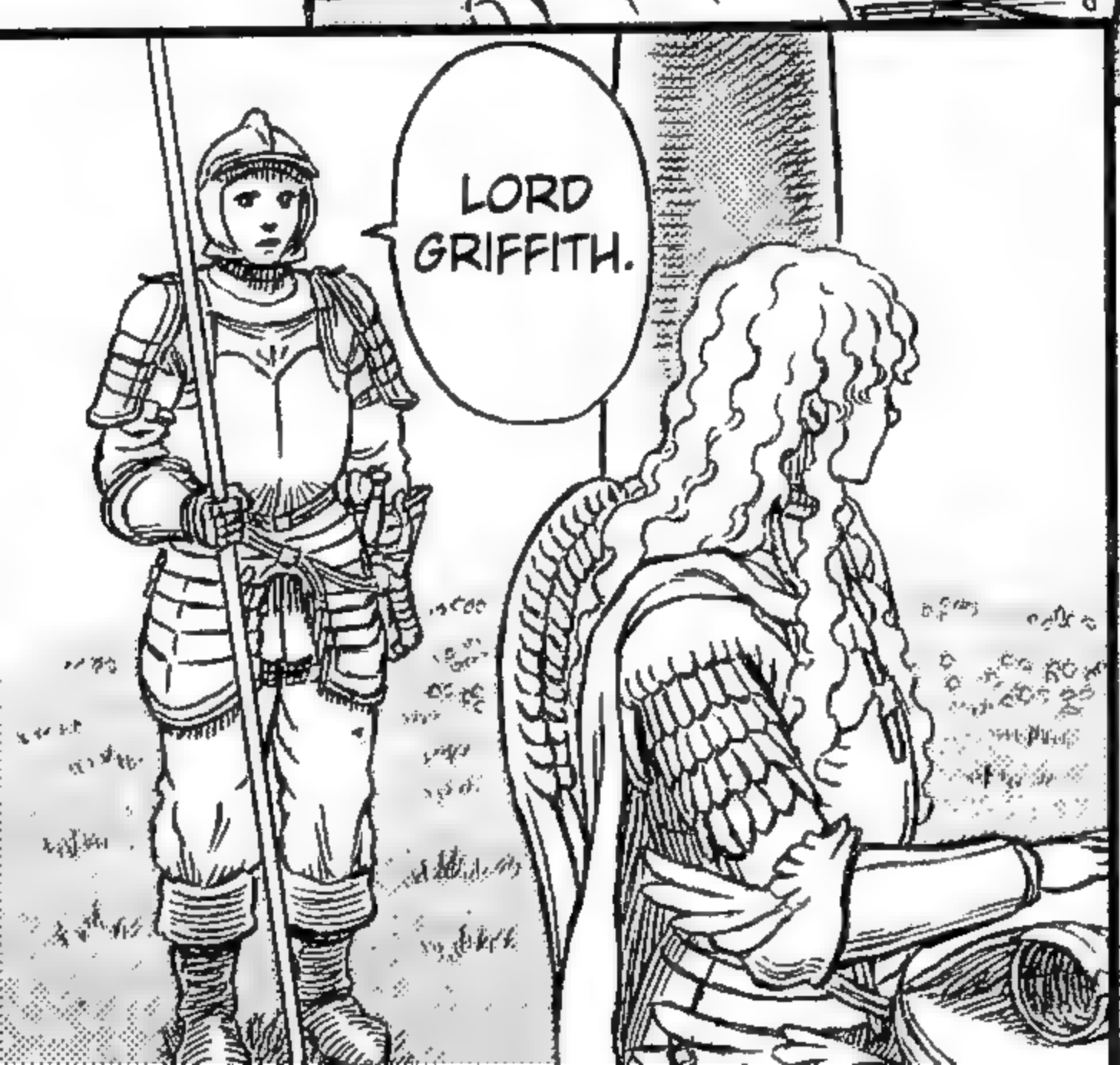
WAY
TOO
SWEET.



DON'T
USE ME
AS AN
EXCUSE!

BUT
HIM BEHIND
ME, HE
LOOKS LIKE
HE WANTS
SOME.

SO I'LL
HAVE
ANOTHER!



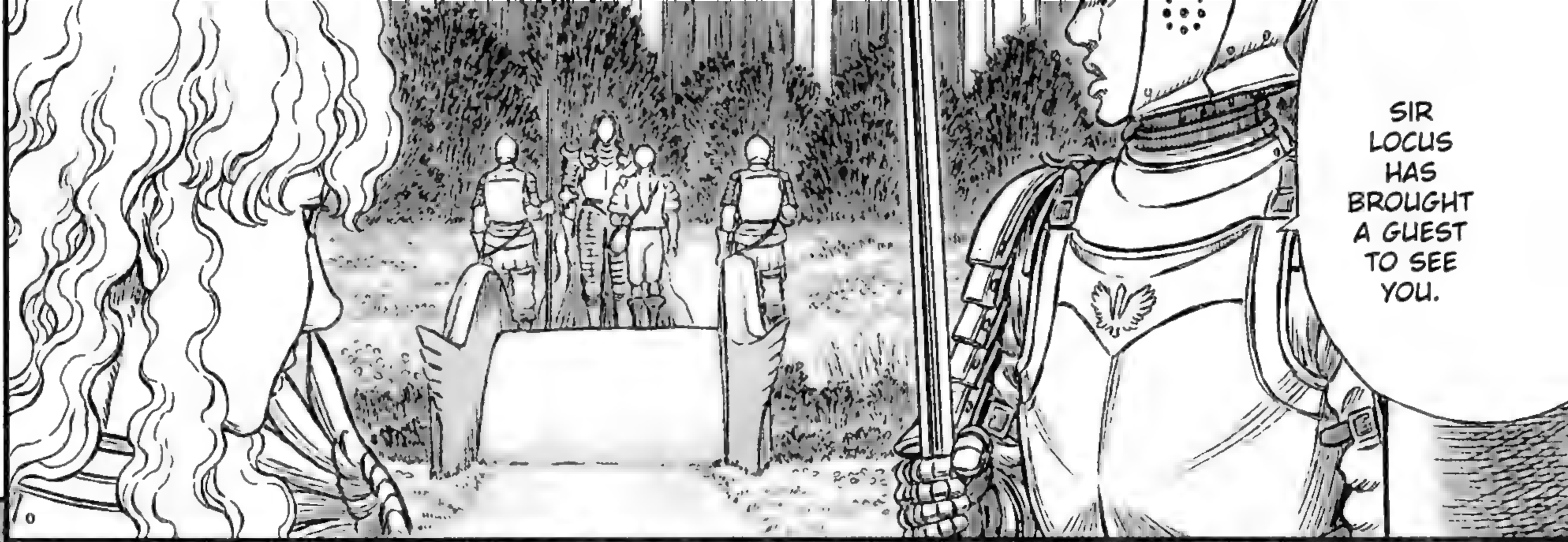
LORD
GRIFFITH.

DON'T BE
A SHOWOFF.
HERE, YOU
CAN HAVE
HALF.
SAY AHHHH.

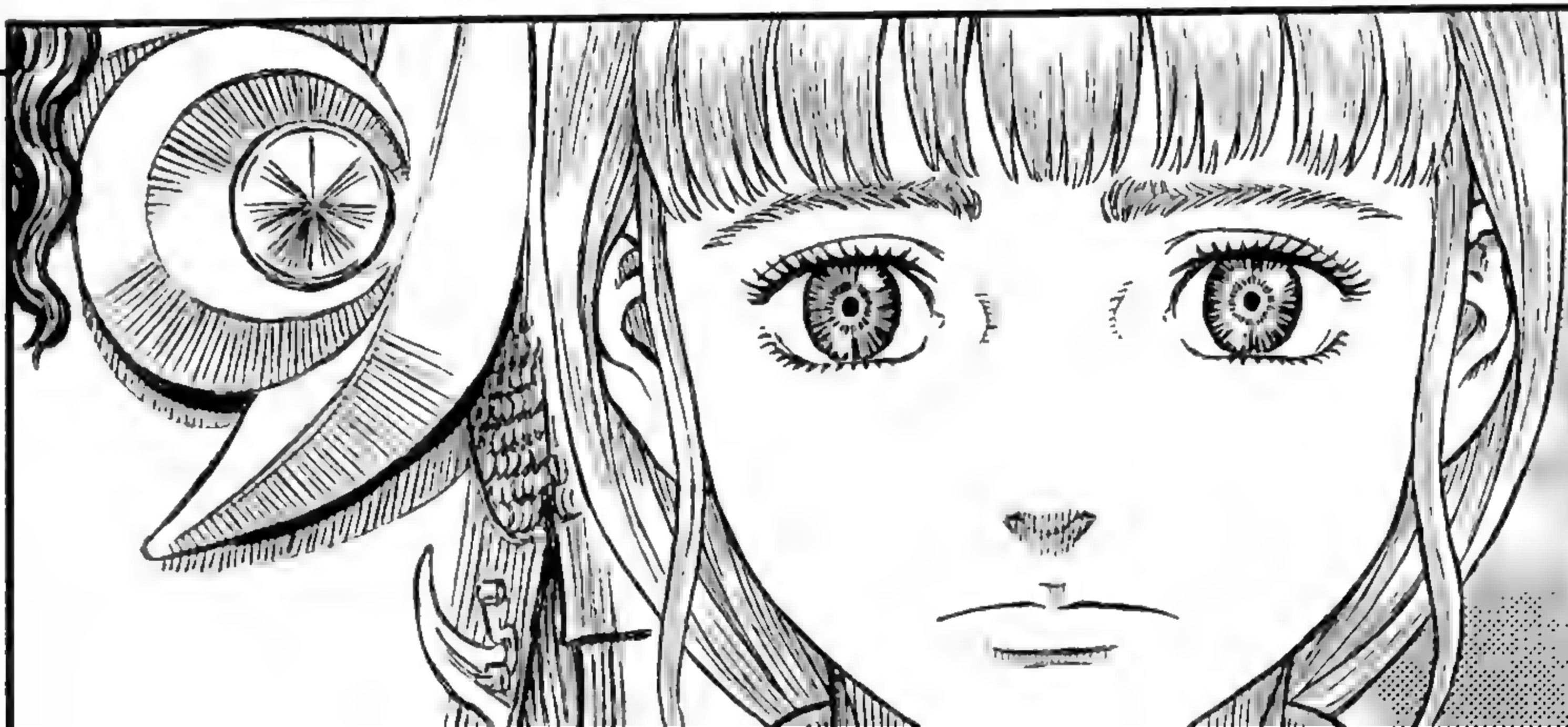
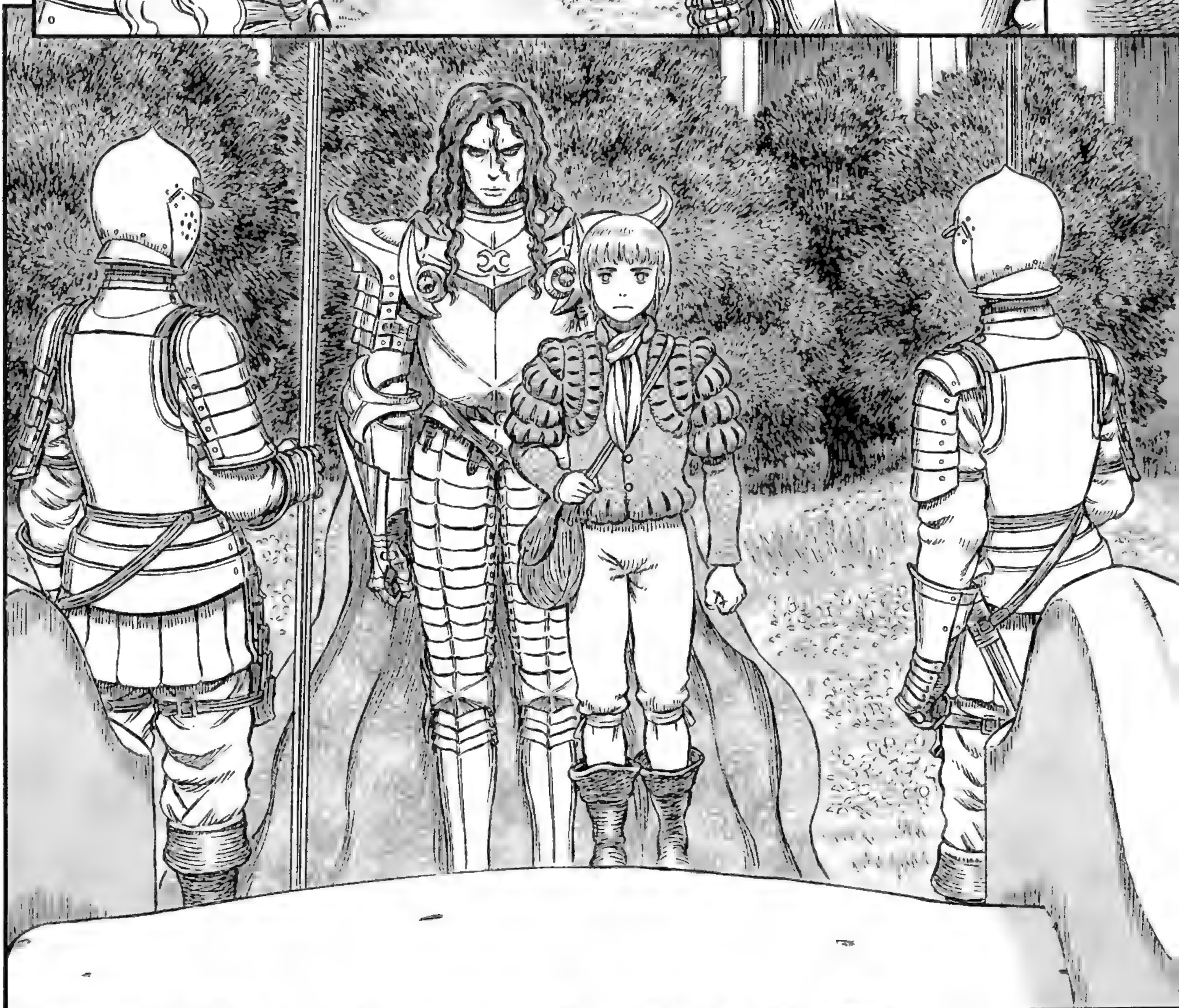
I'M ON
DUTY.
GUARDING
YOU.

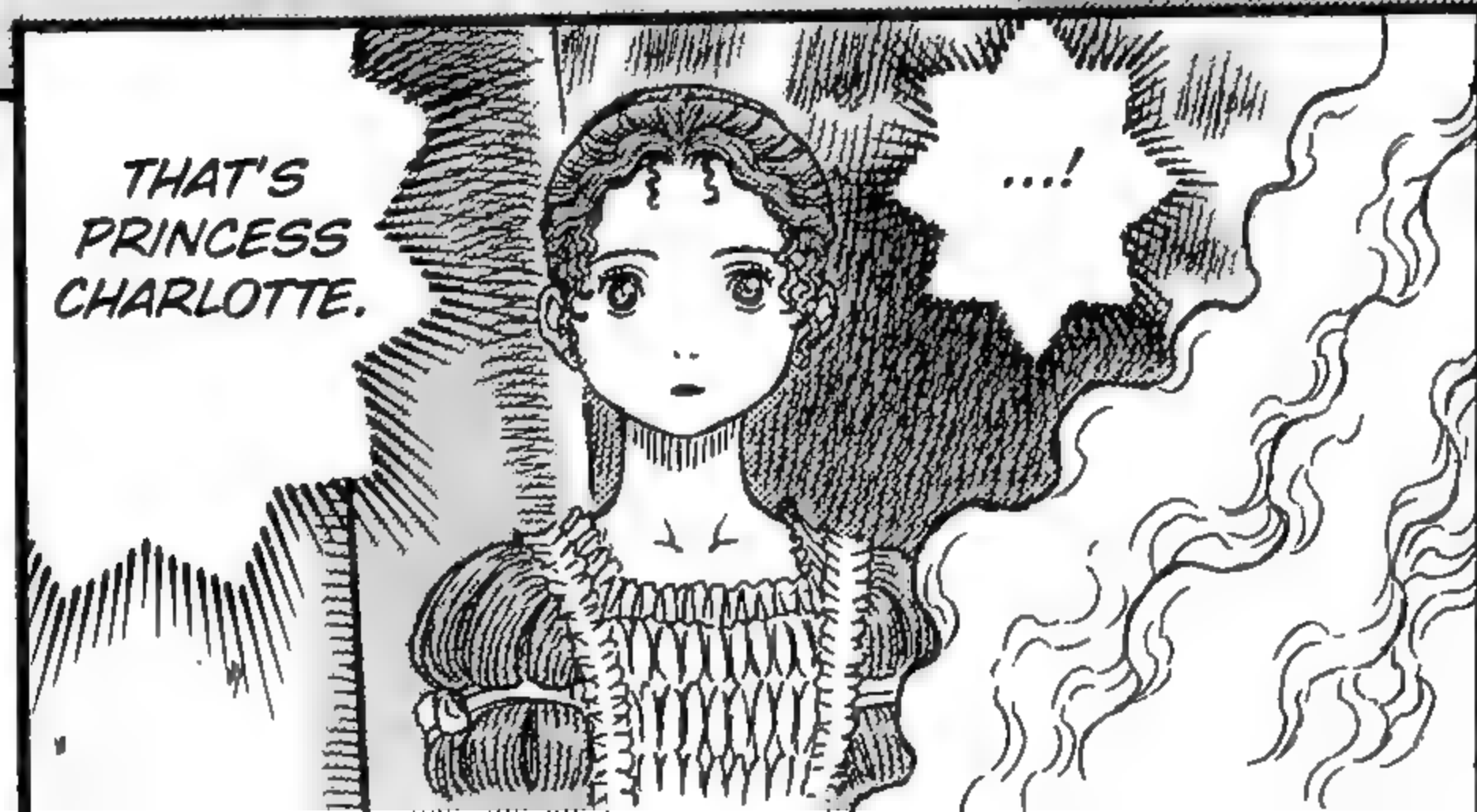
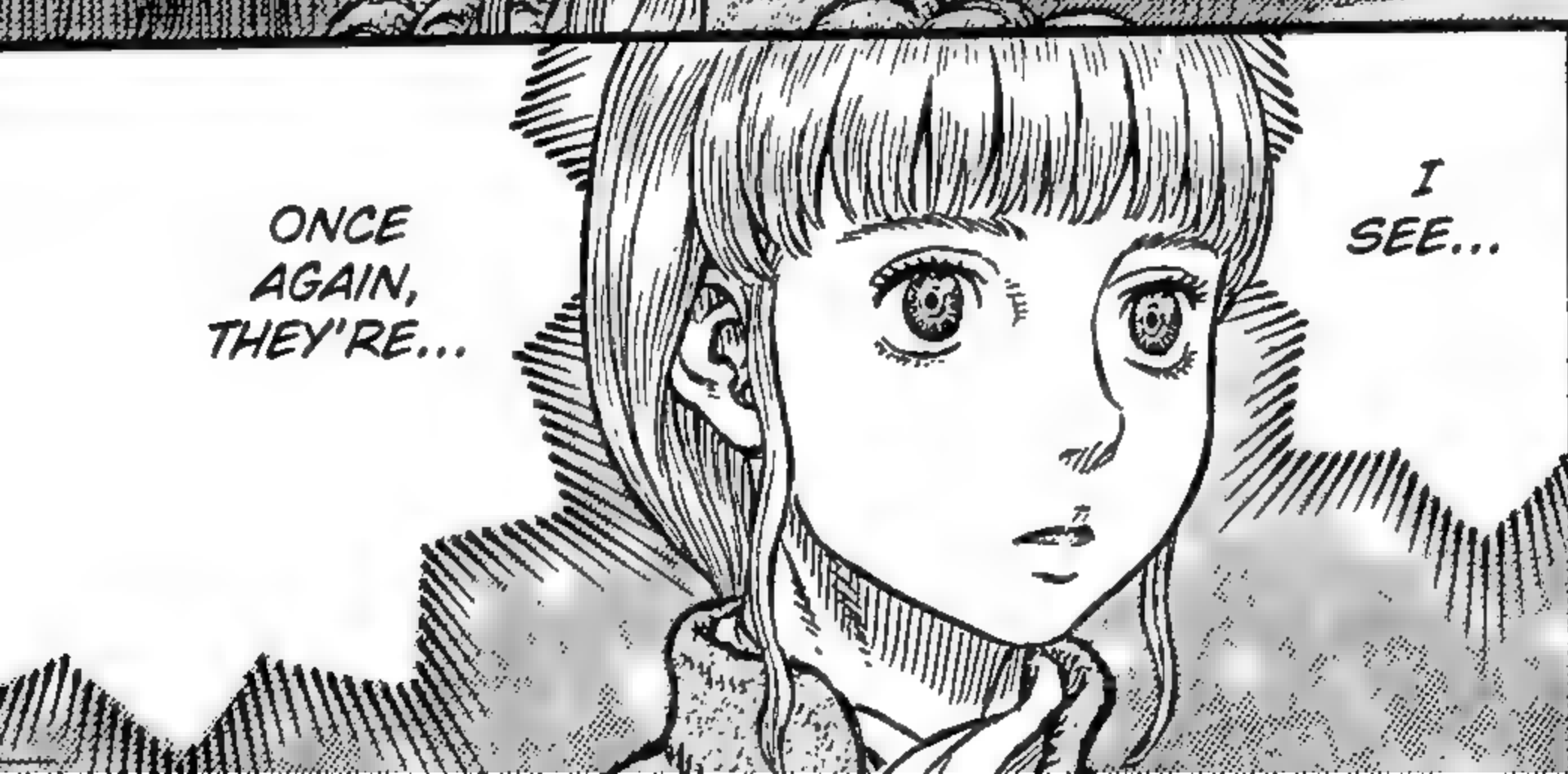
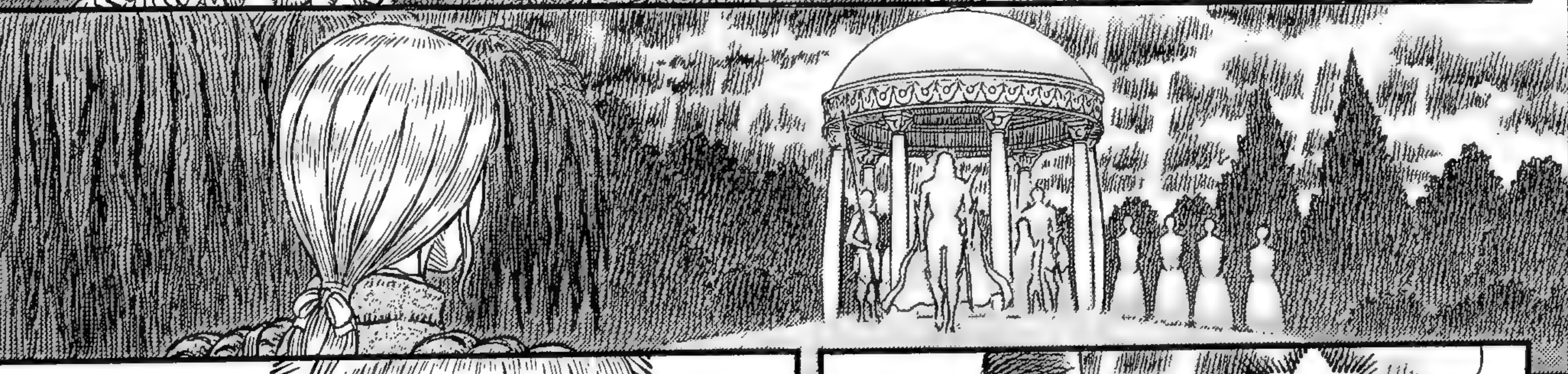
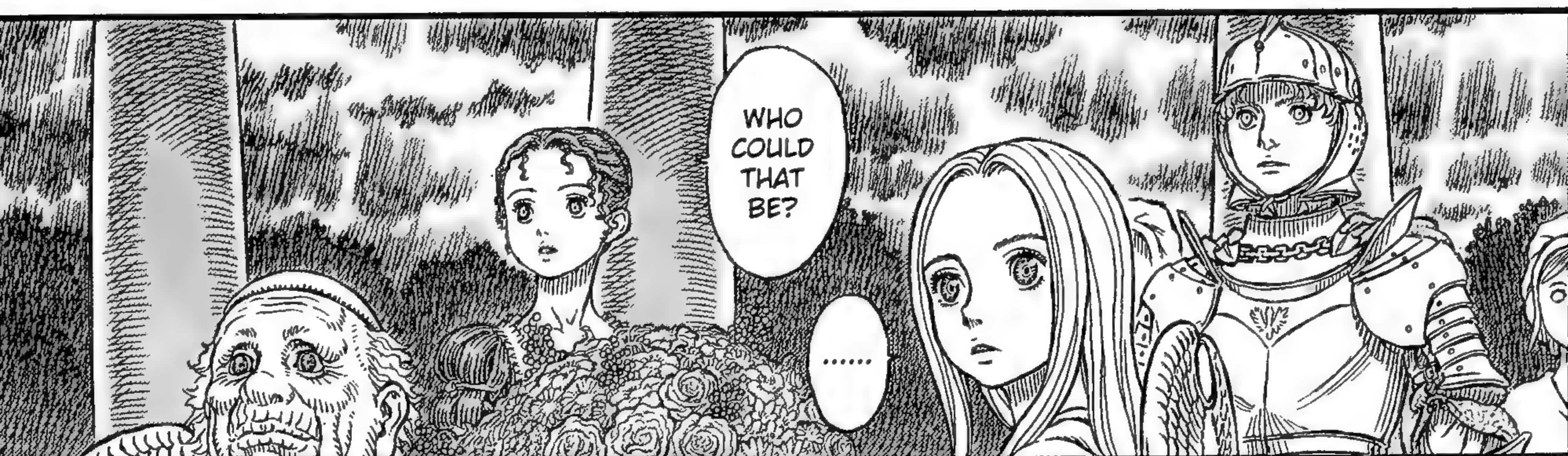
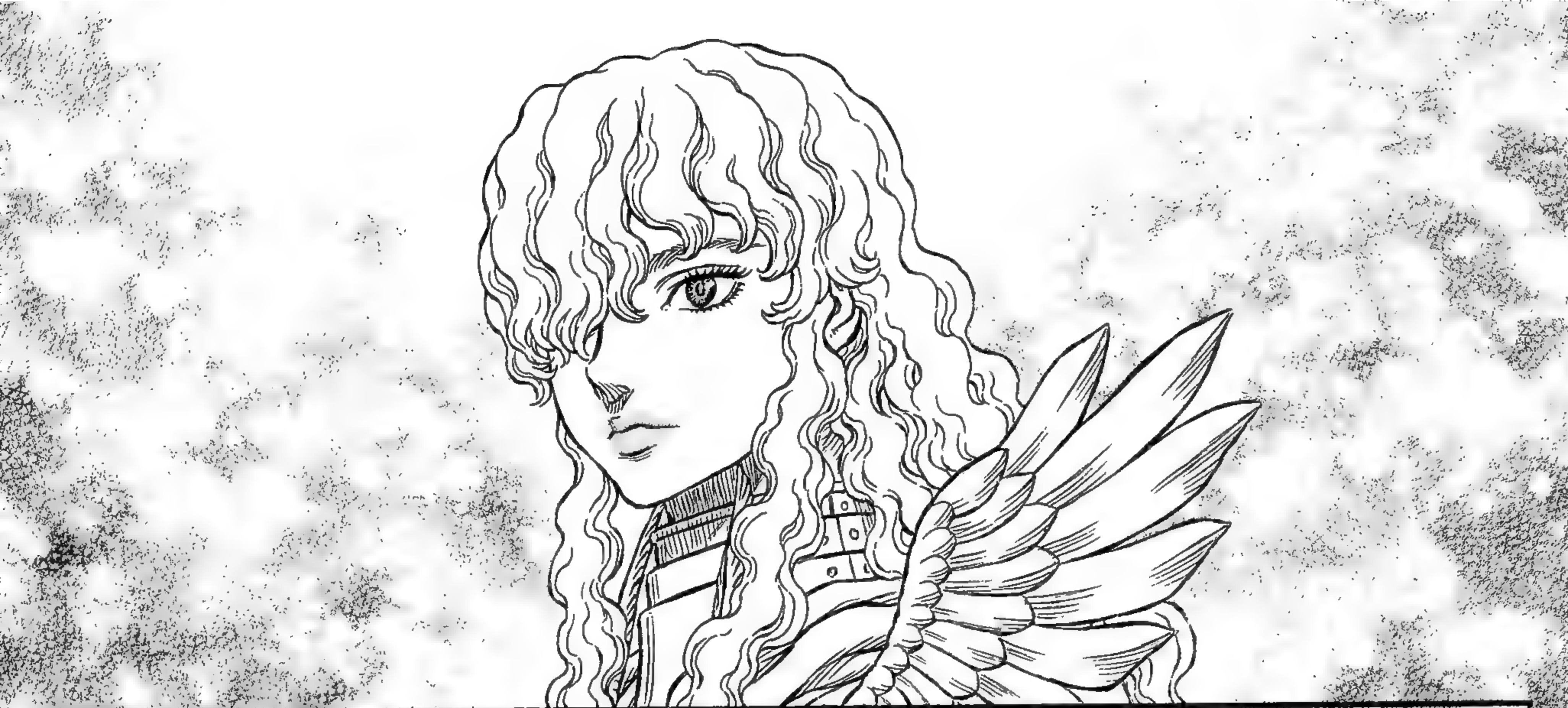
I'D LOVE
ONE.
ANOTHER
CUP?

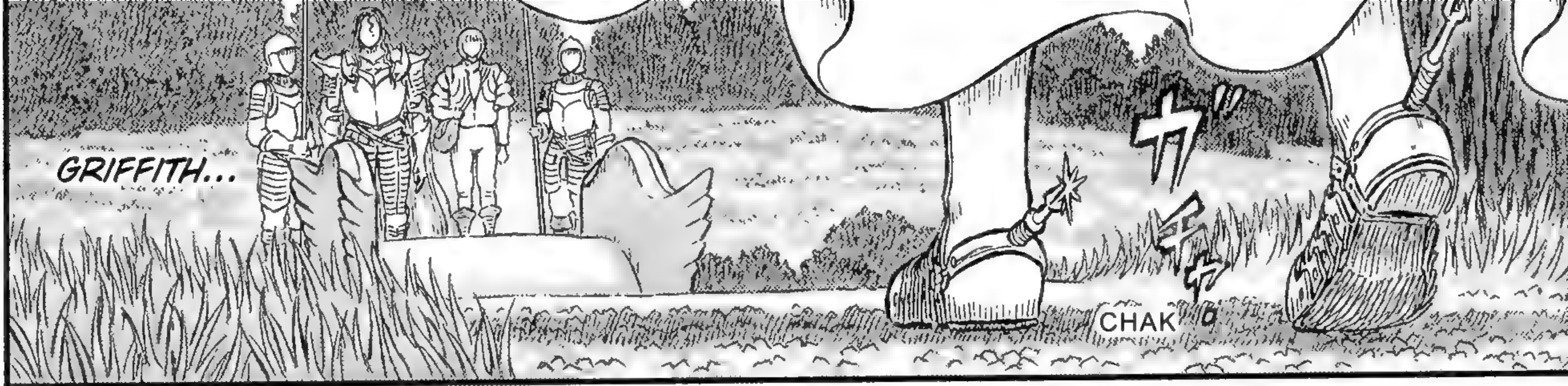




SIR
LOCUS
HAS
BROUGHT
A GUEST
TO SEE
YOU.

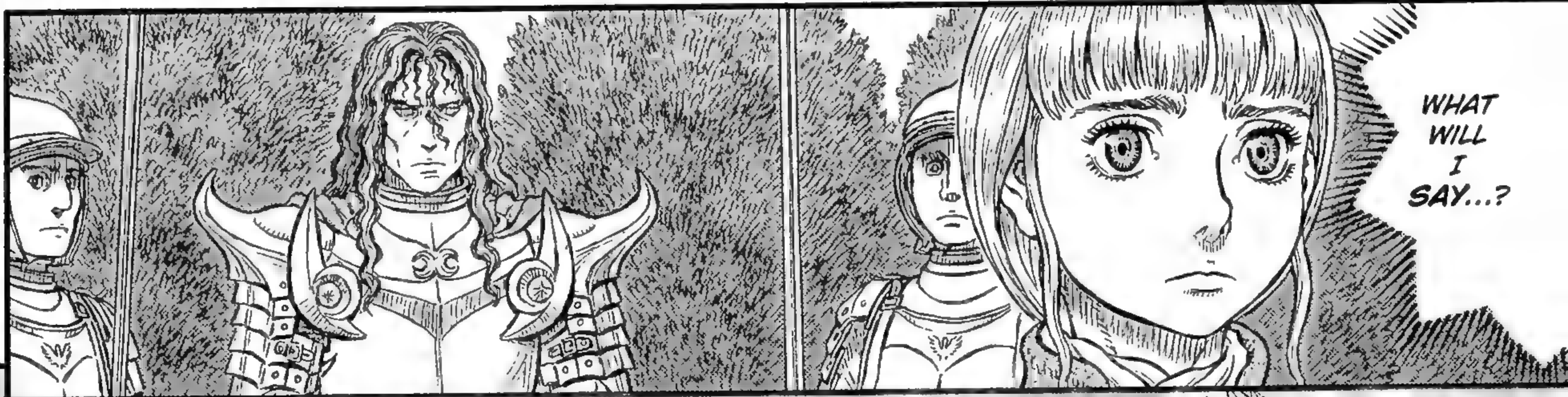




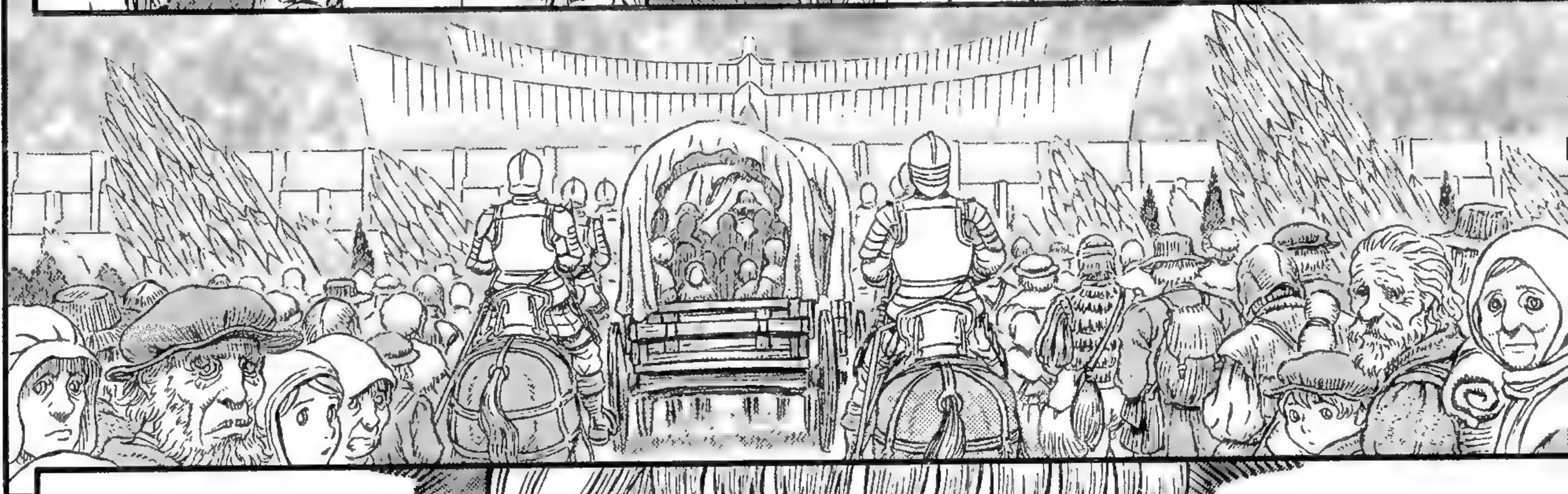


GRIFFITH...

CHAK



WHAT
WILL
I
SAY...?



...AND
THEIR
PLEADING
EYES...

AFTER
SEEING
THAT
CROWD OF
PEOPLE...



...WHICH
I THOUGHT
I'D NEVER
SEE
AGAIN...

AFTER
SEEING
THE
BUSTLING
CAPITAL...

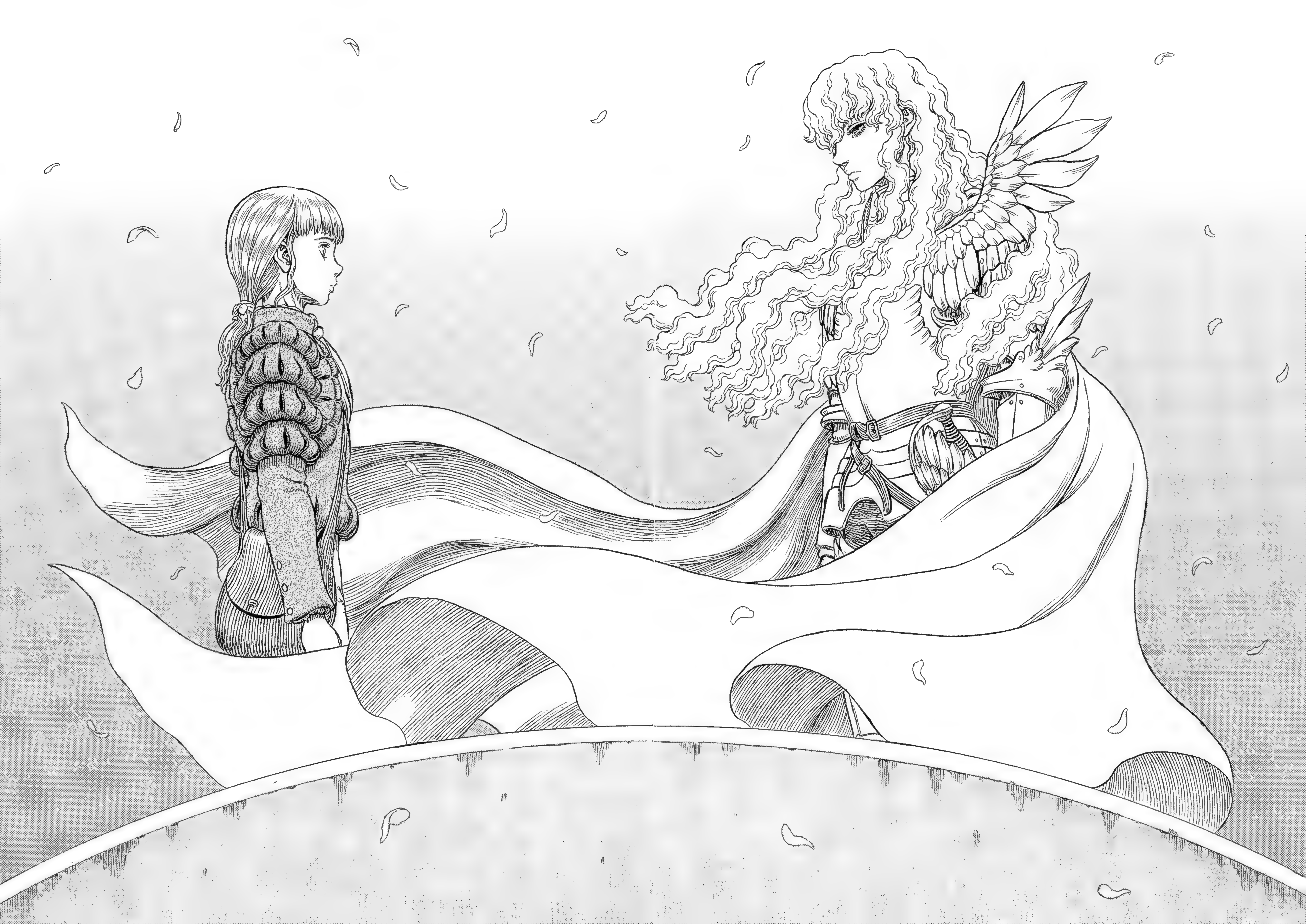


FIENDISH
EXPLOITS.

I'VE
SEEN THEM
BOTH
FIRST-
HAND...

GODLIKE
EX-
PLOITS...

...AND
HERE I
SEEM...
SO
TINY...

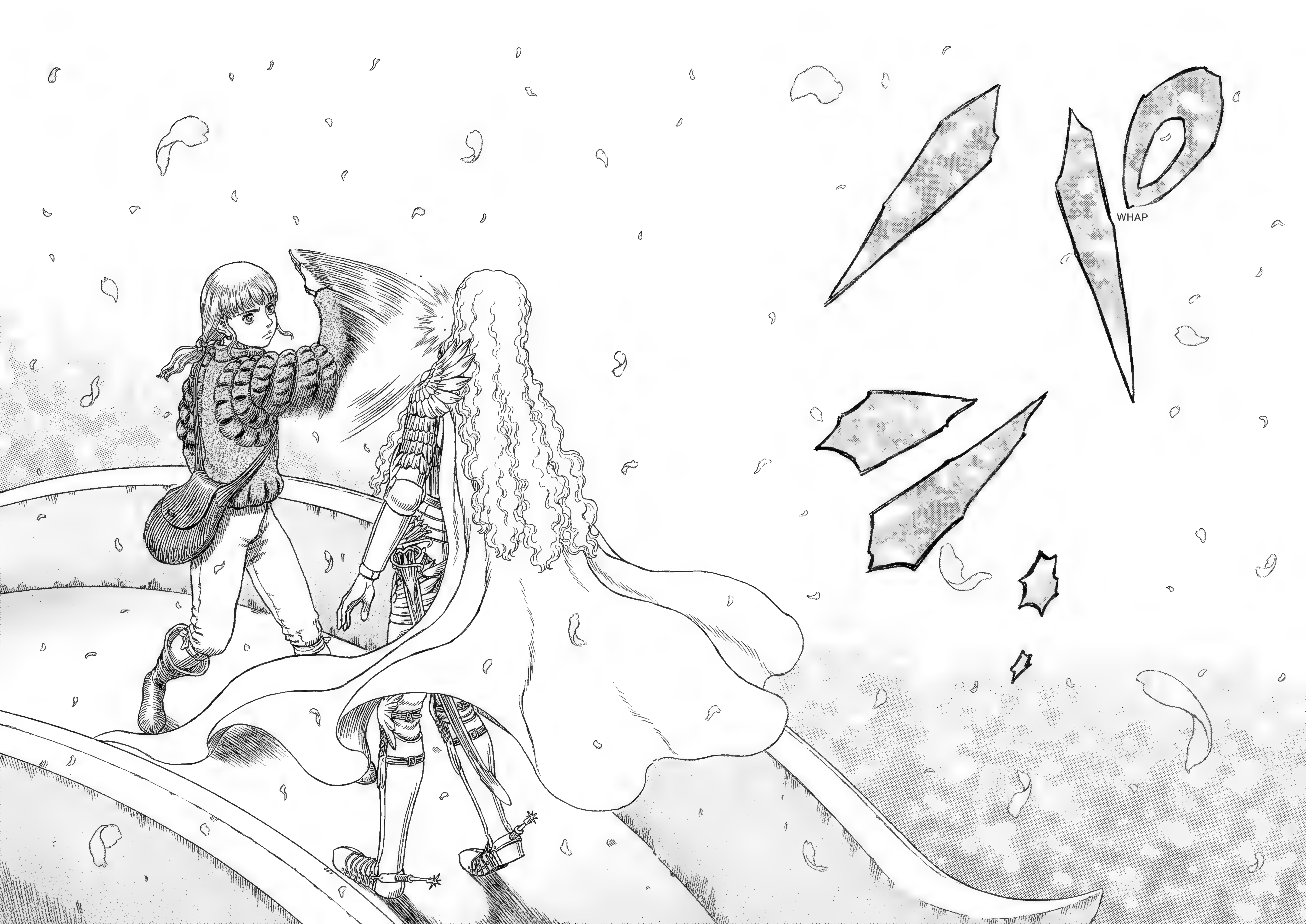


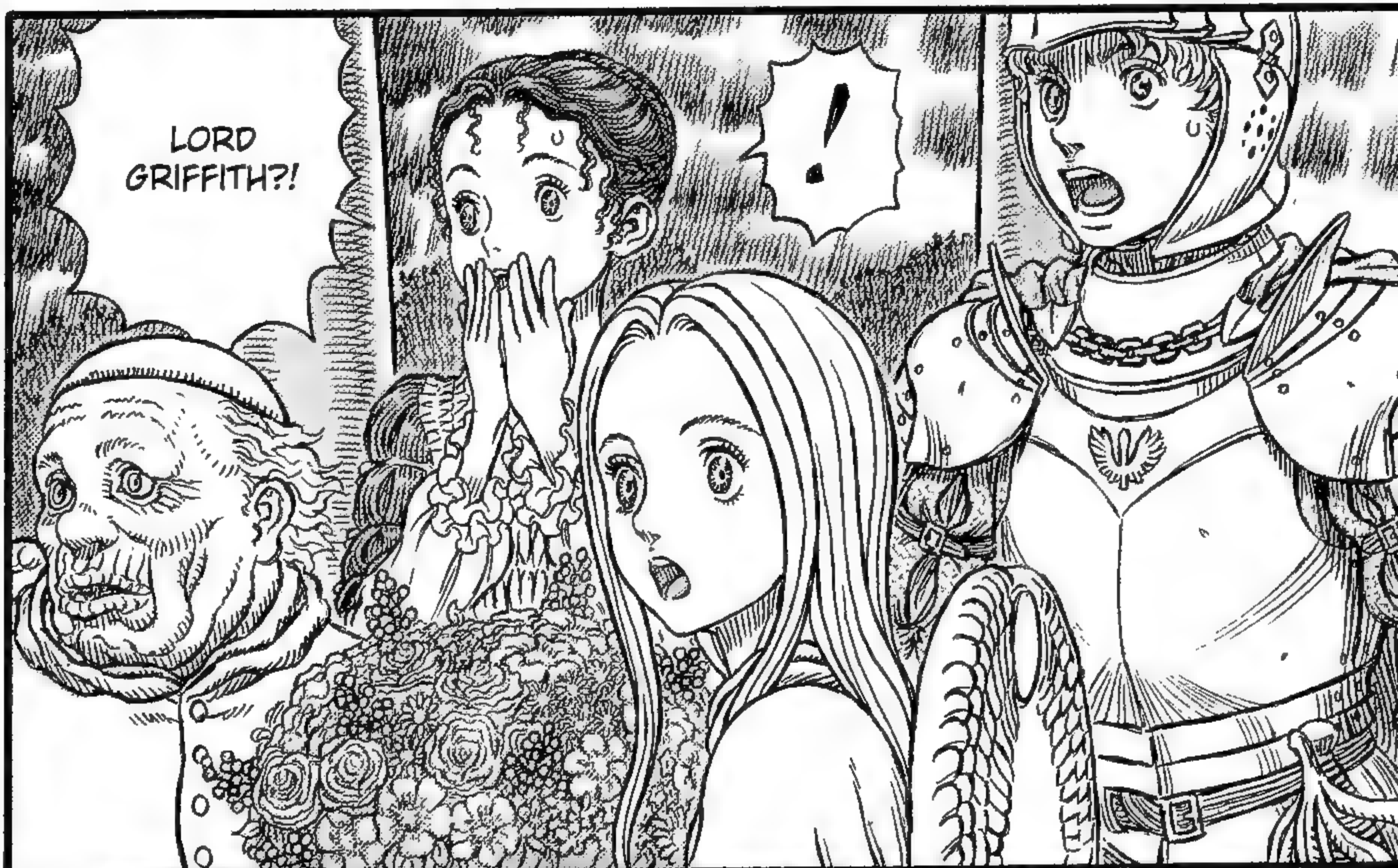
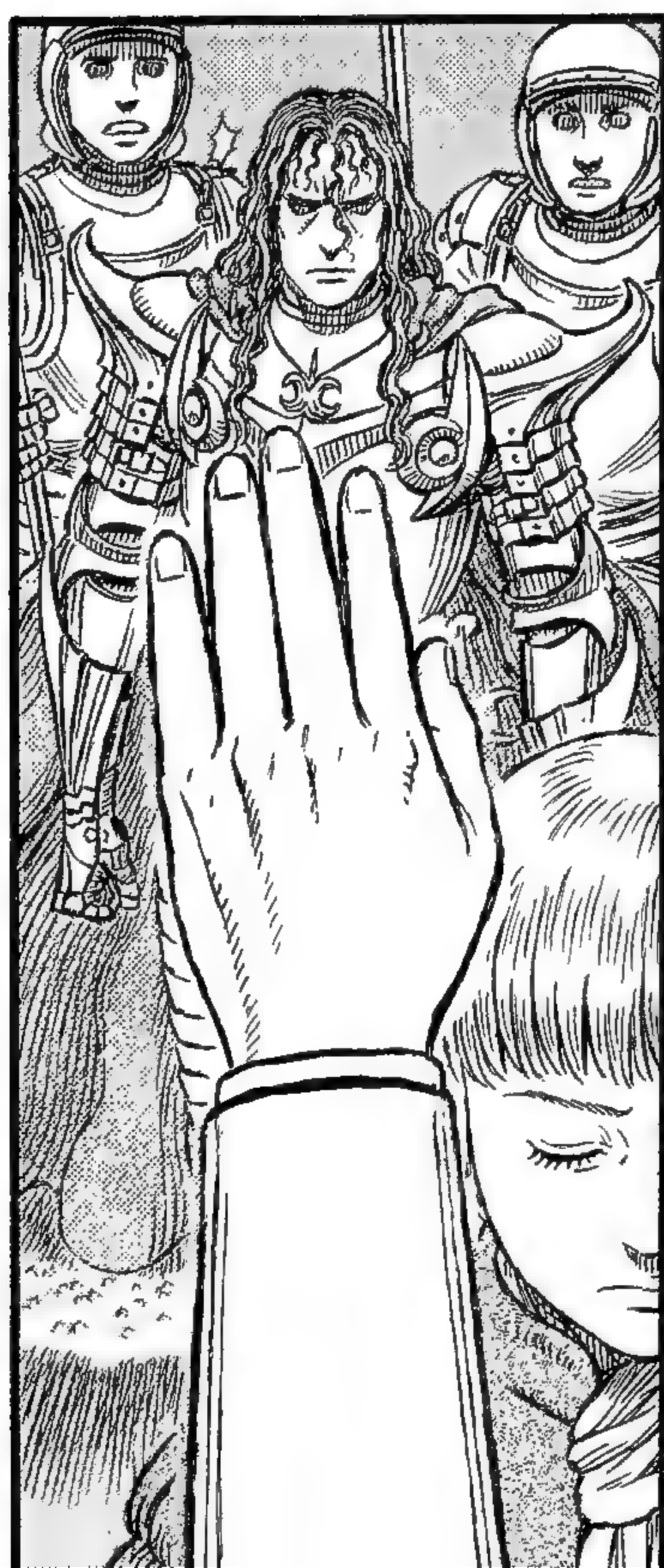
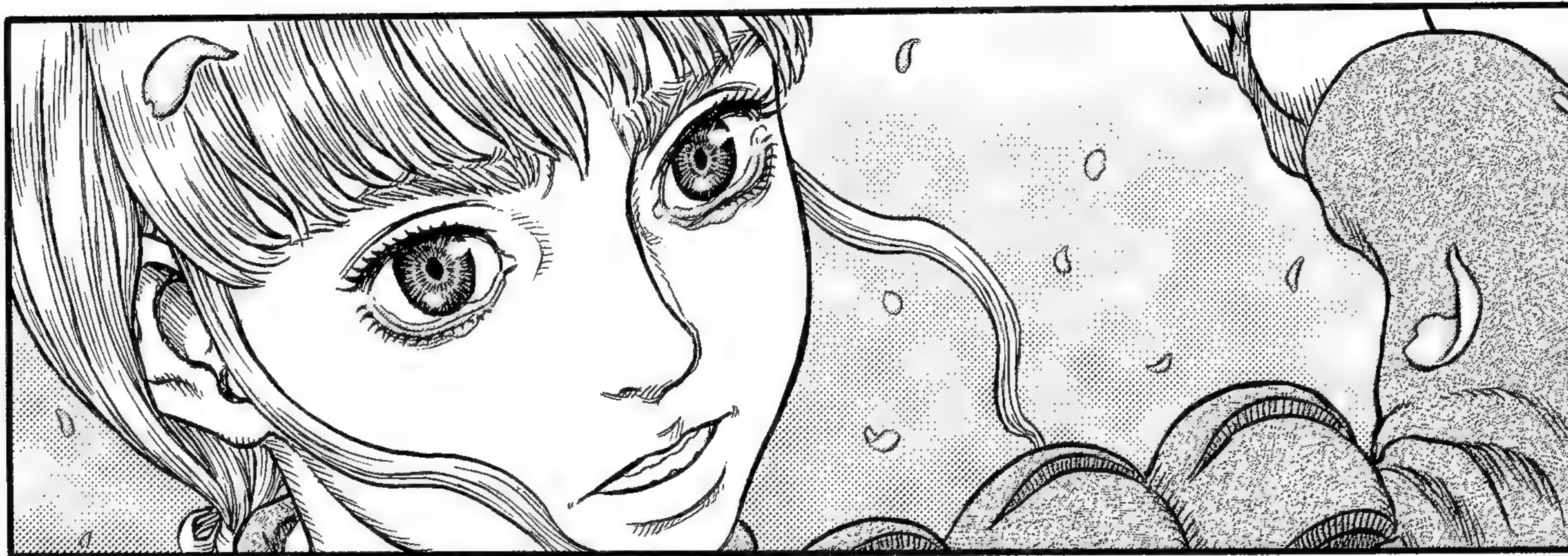


HAVE YOU
FOUND AN
ANSWER TO
THAT QUESTION
ON THE HILL OF
SWORDS...

WILL YOU
STILL
DREAM
THE SAME
DREAM...?

...RICKERT?





THE
ONE WHO
MADE
ALL THEIR
GRAVE
MARKERS...

...THAT
HILL OF
SWORDS...

BUT
THEN...

**...WAS
ME!**

FOR
BEING
UNABLE...

...TO
GET MAD
LIKE
GUTS...

...OR
TAKE
RESPONSI-
BILITY
LIKE
HIM.

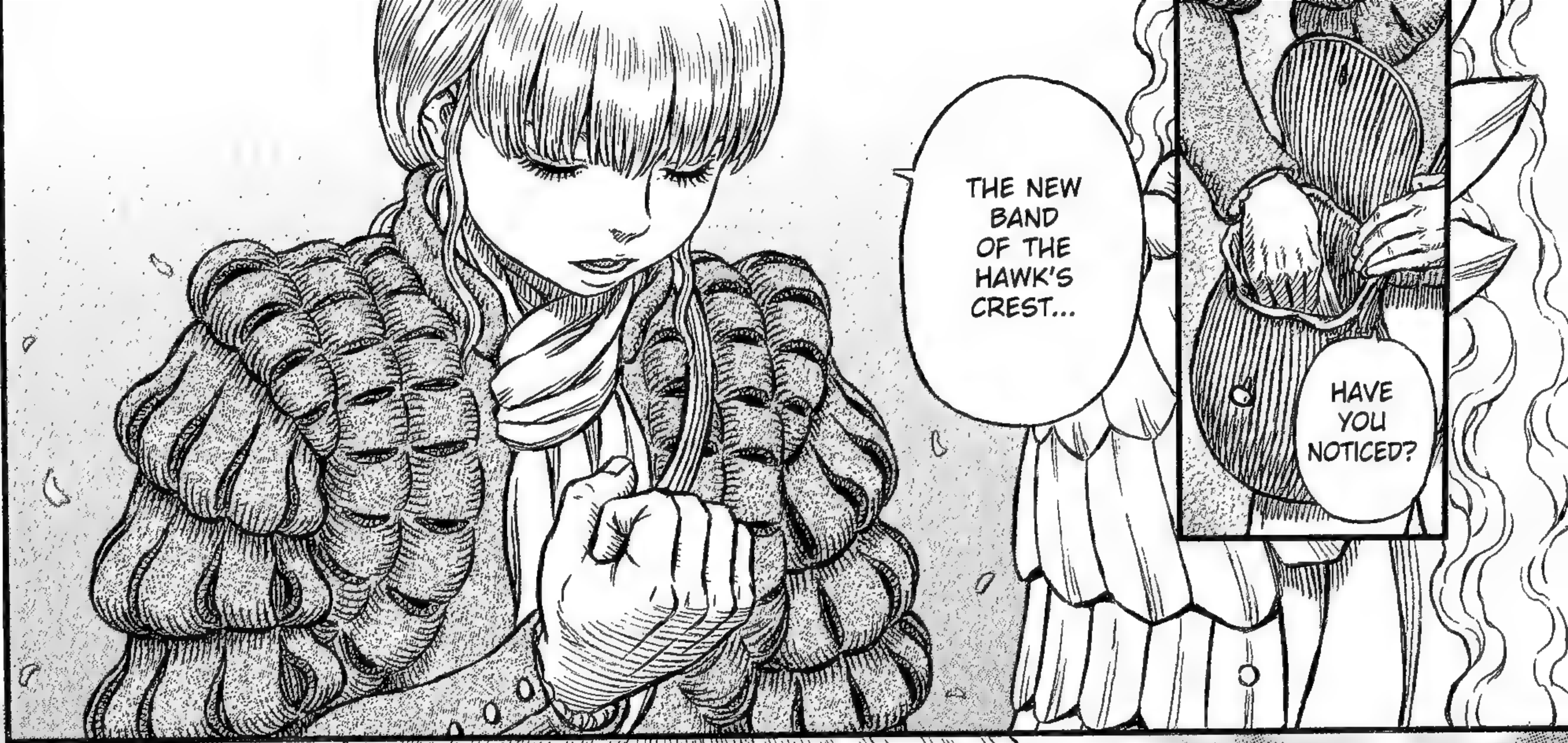
FOR
ONLY BEING
ABLE TO
STAND THERE
AND WATCH
HIM GO...

...THAT
I COULDN'T
GO WITH
EVERYONE
TO WINDHAM
TO RESCUE
YOU THAT
DAY...

I WAS
ASHAMED
OF
MYSELF...

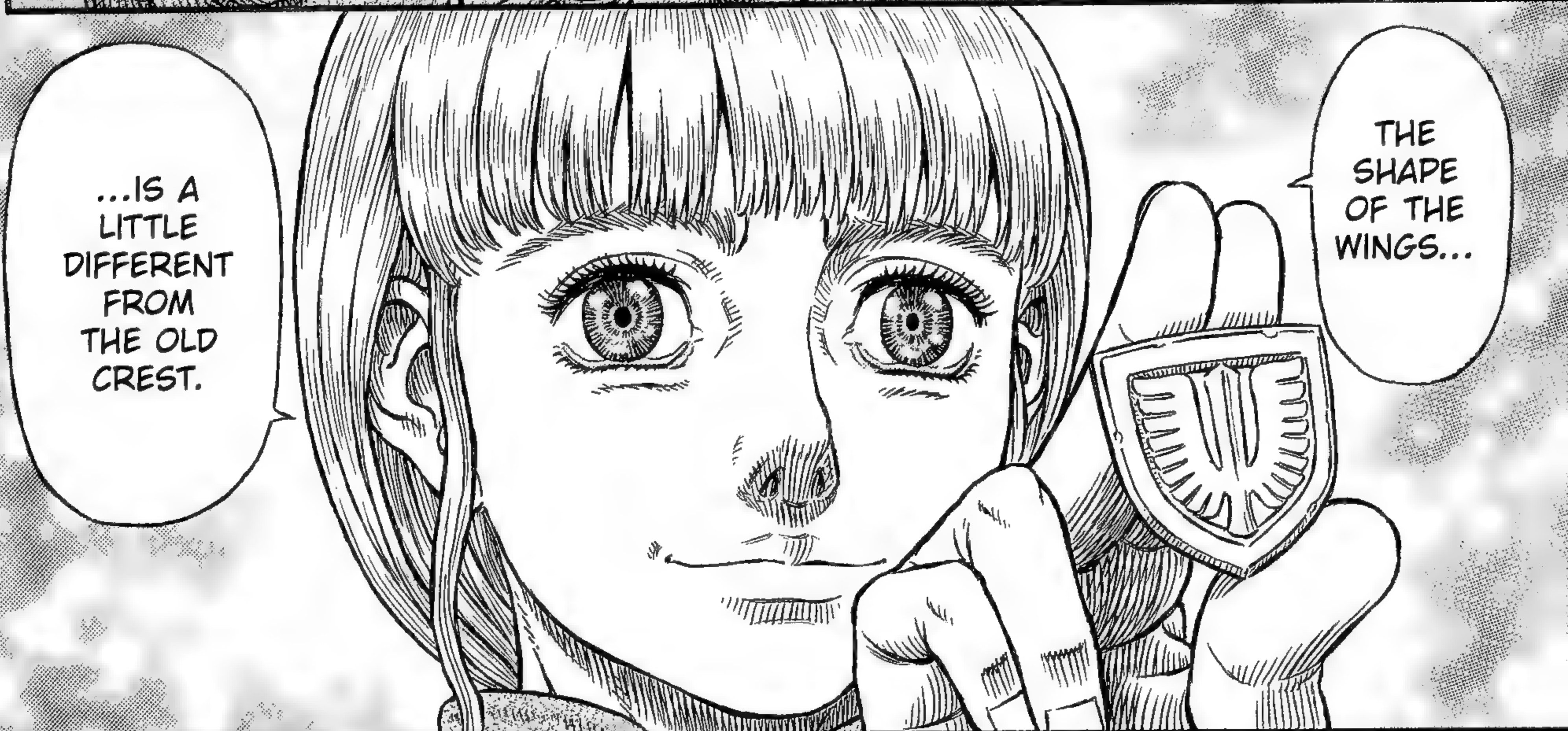
...FOR
NOT GETTING
TO SHARE
IN THE FATE
OF THE
OTHERS.

I
FELT
LIKE I
OWED A
DEBT...



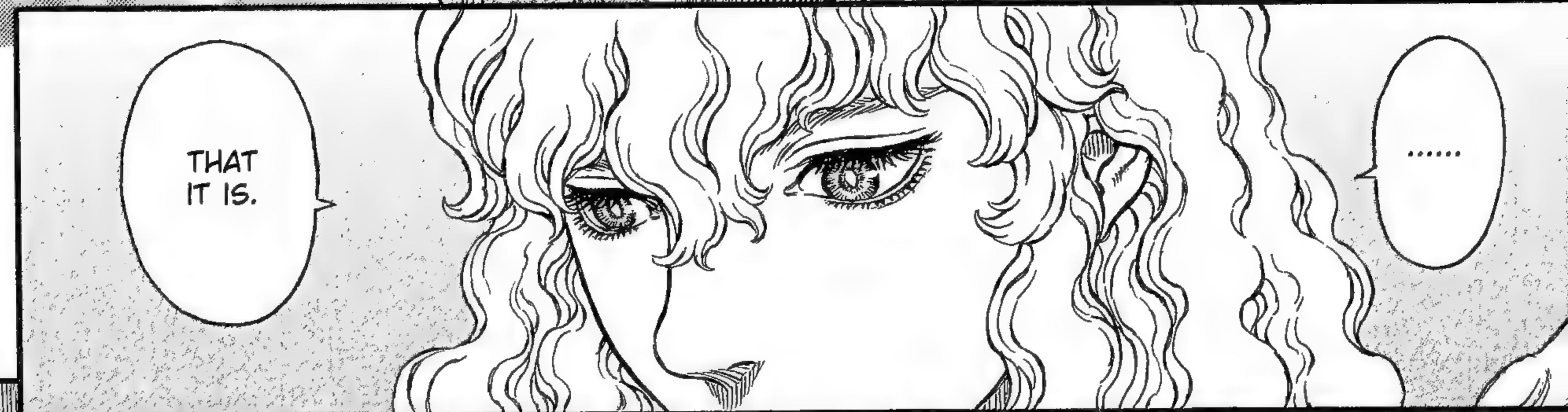
THE NEW
BAND
OF THE
HAWK'S
CREST...

HAVE
YOU
NOTICED?



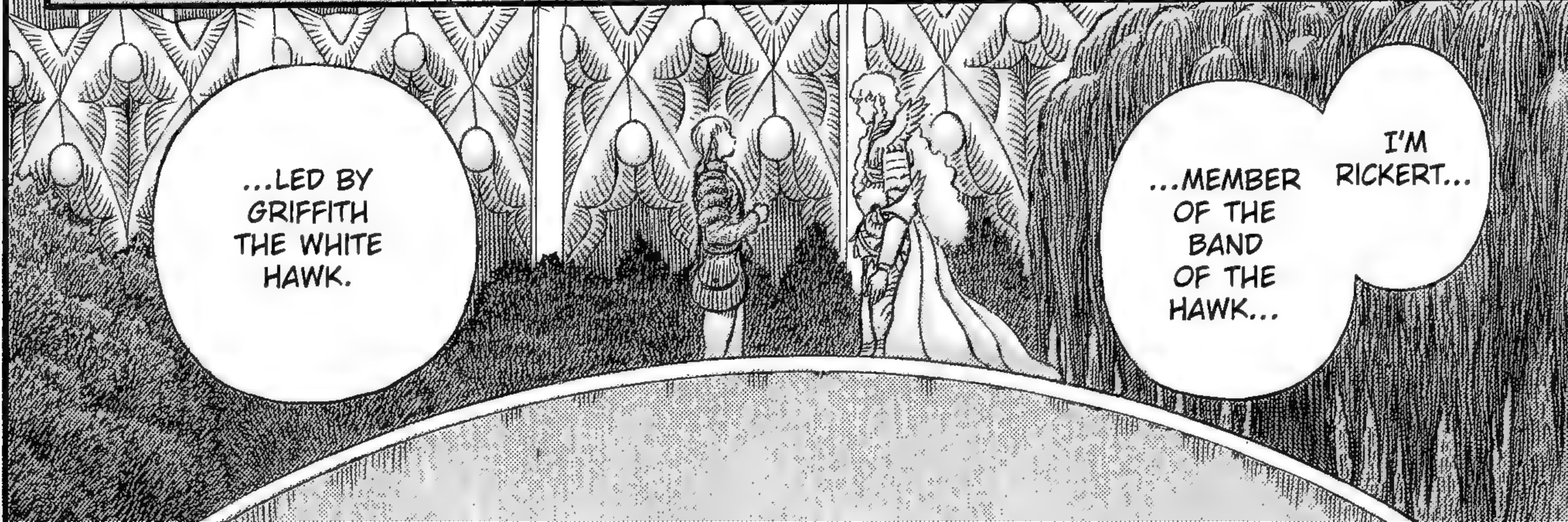
...IS A
LITTLE
DIFFERENT
FROM
THE OLD
CREST.

THE
SHAPE
OF THE
WINGS...



THAT
IT IS.

.....



...LED BY
GRIFFITH
THE WHITE
HAWK.

...MEMBER
OF THE
BAND
OF THE
HAWK...

I'M
RICKERT...

...ISN'T
THE
HAWK OF
LIGHT.

MY
LEADER...

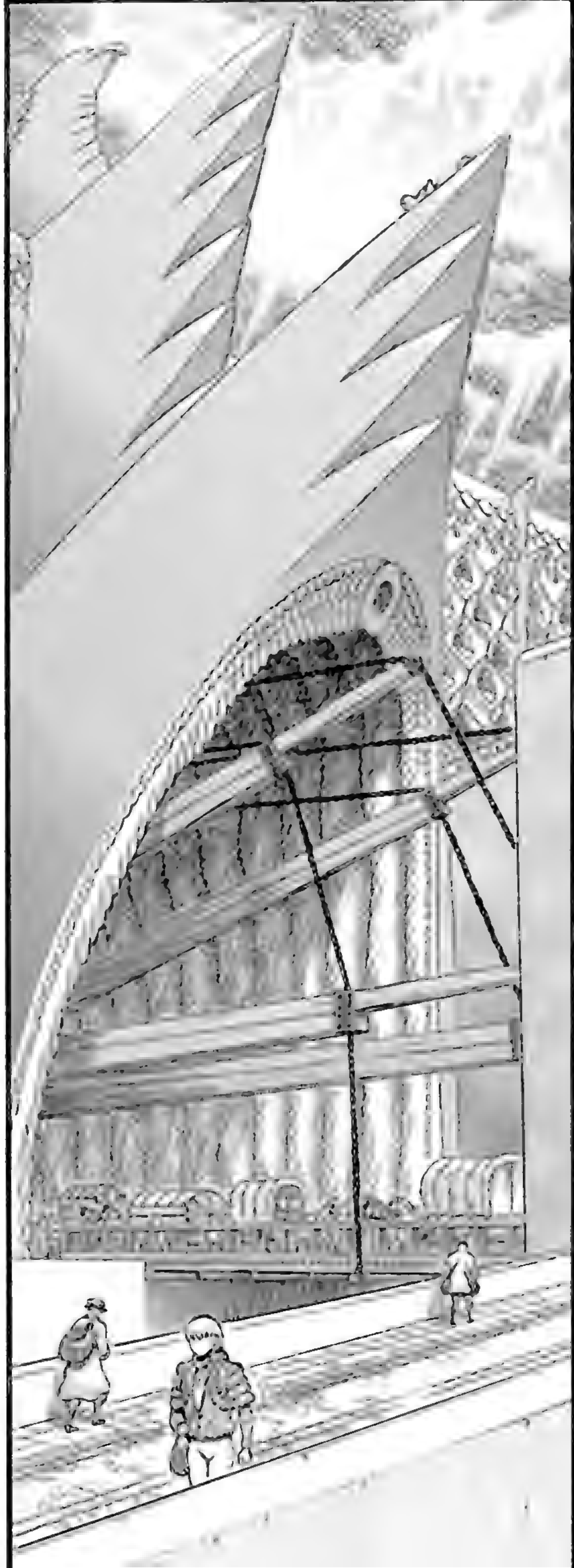
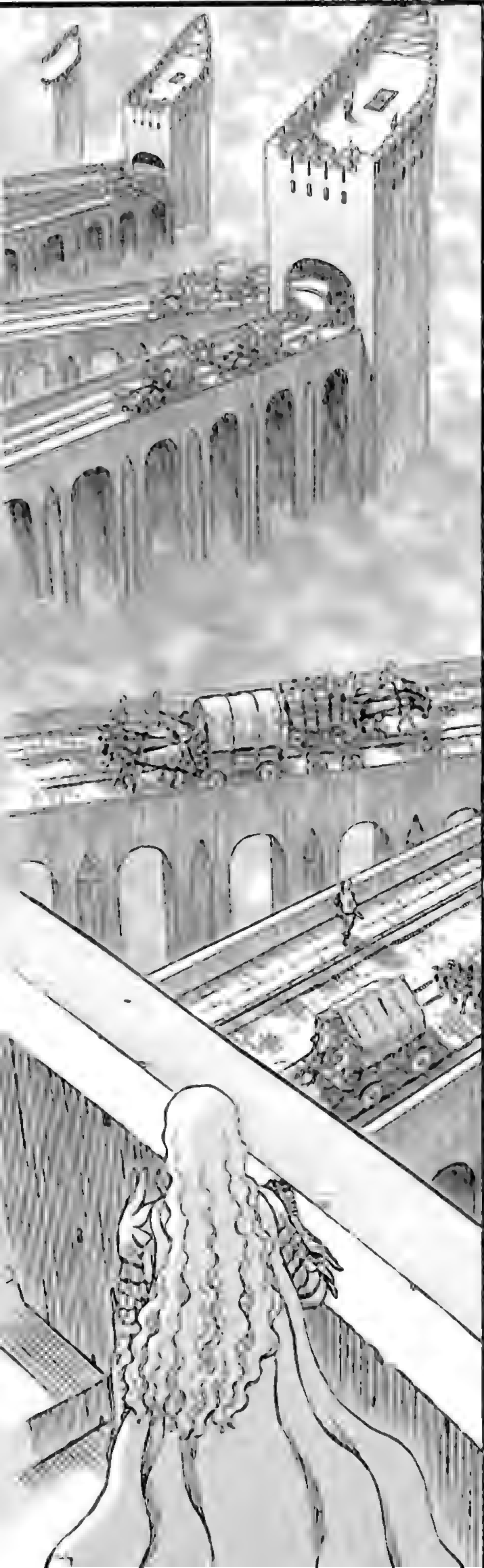
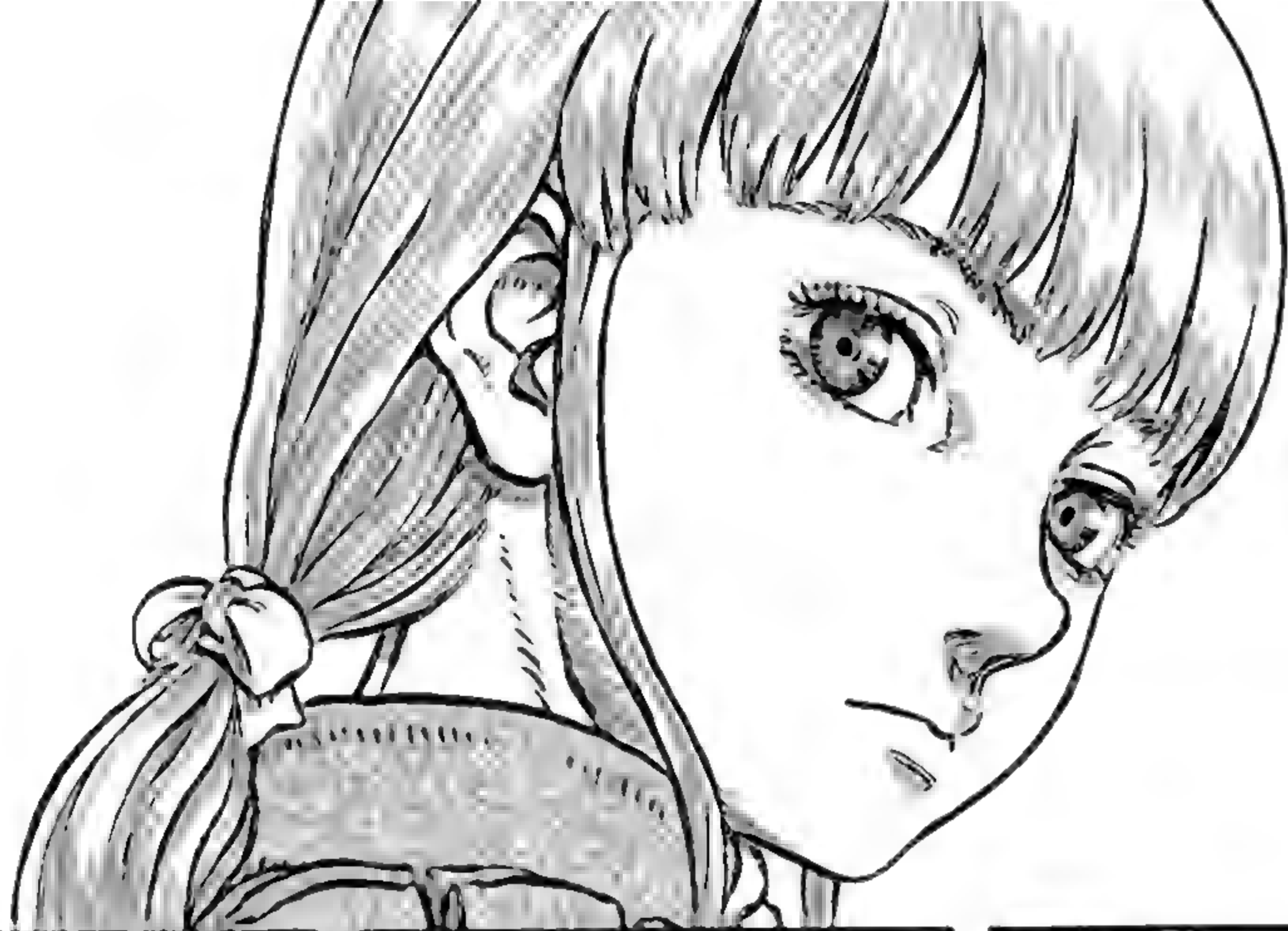


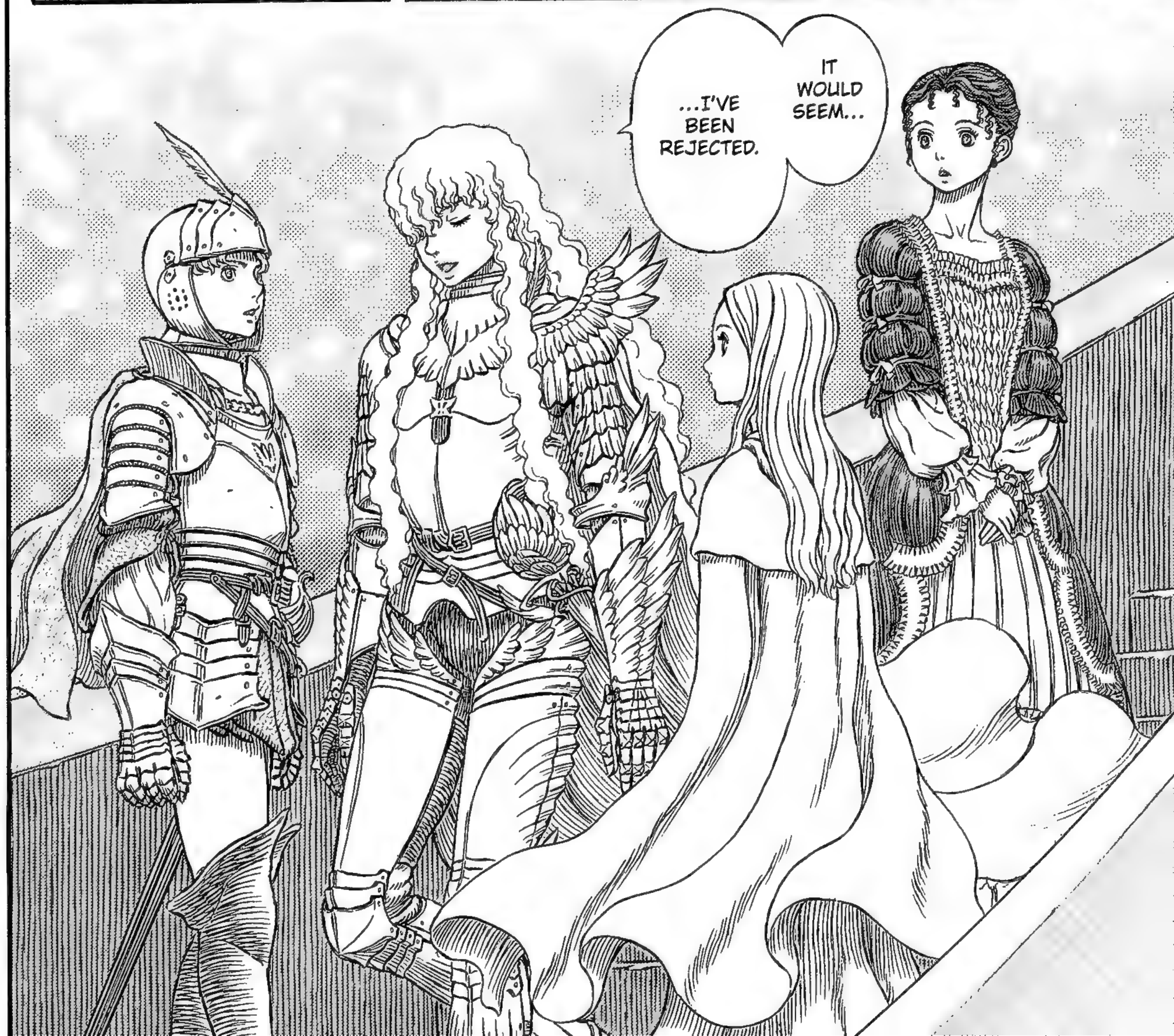
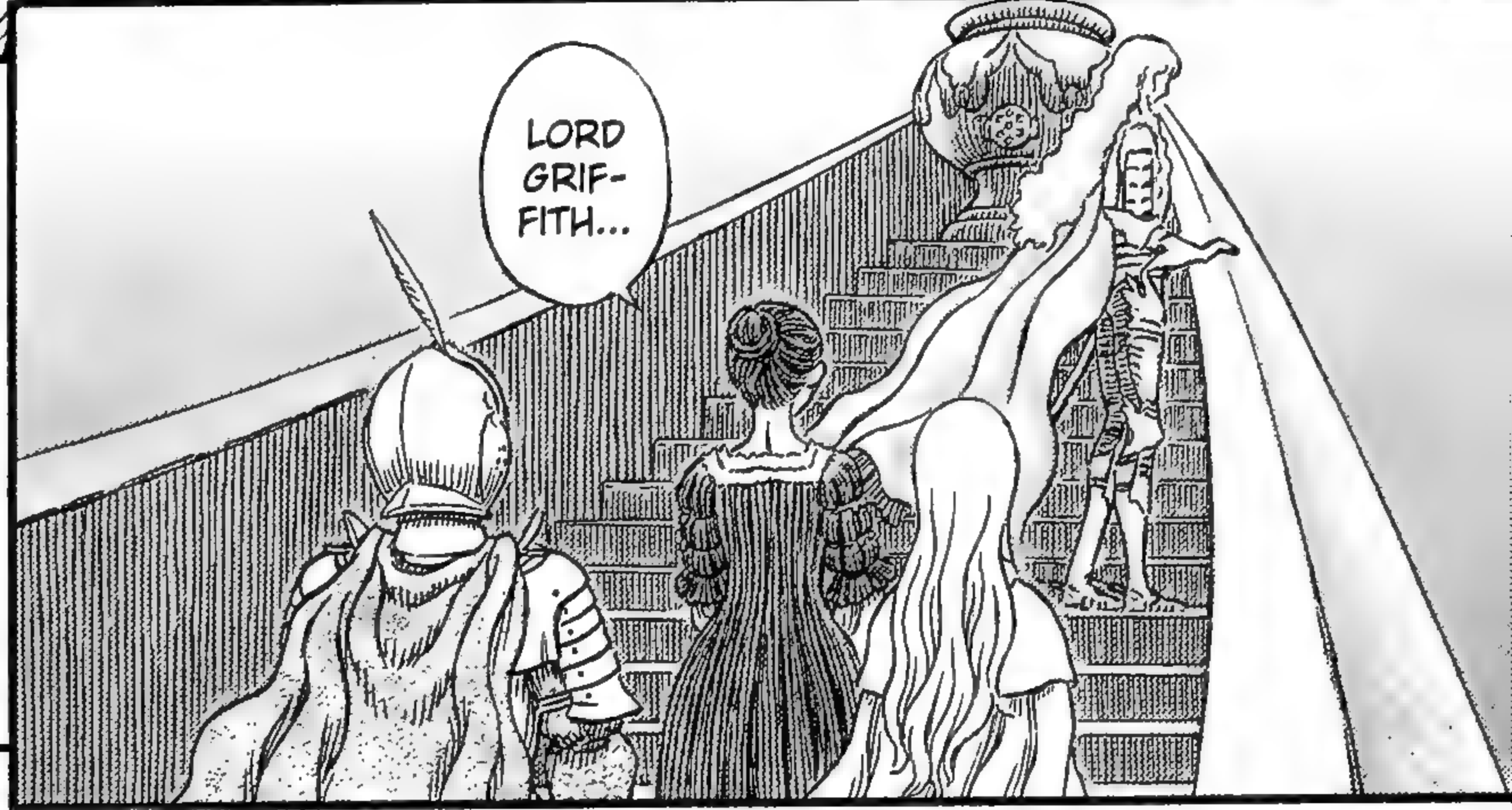
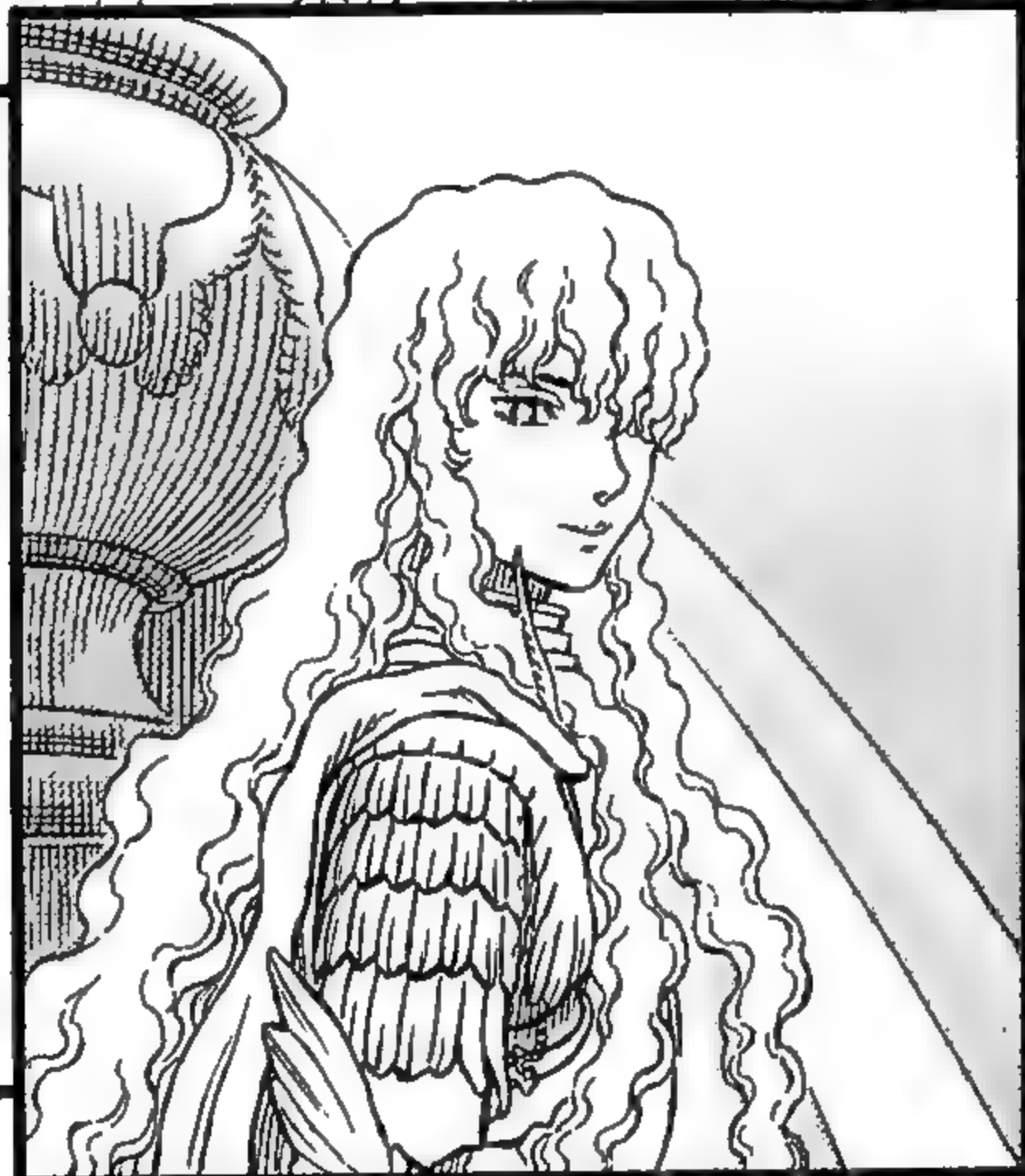
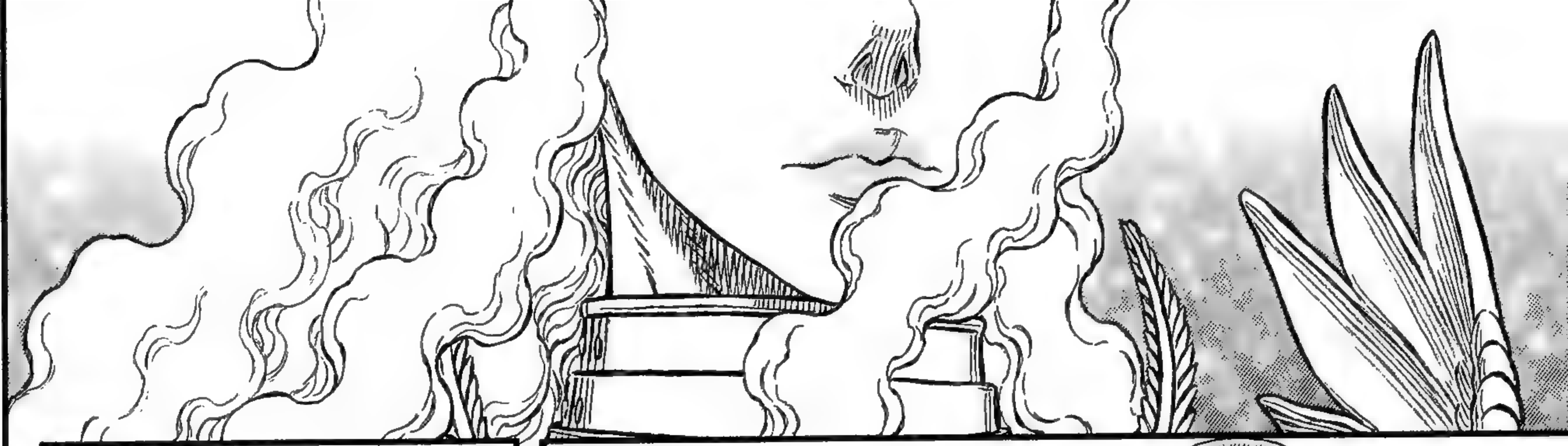
GOODBYE.

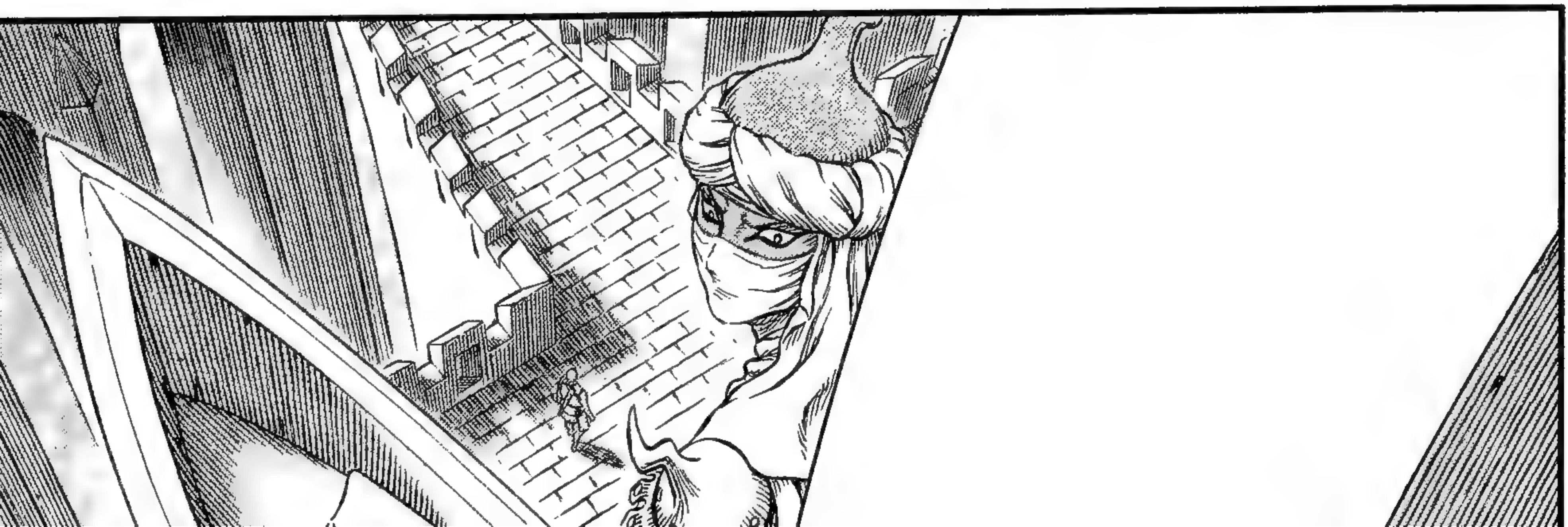
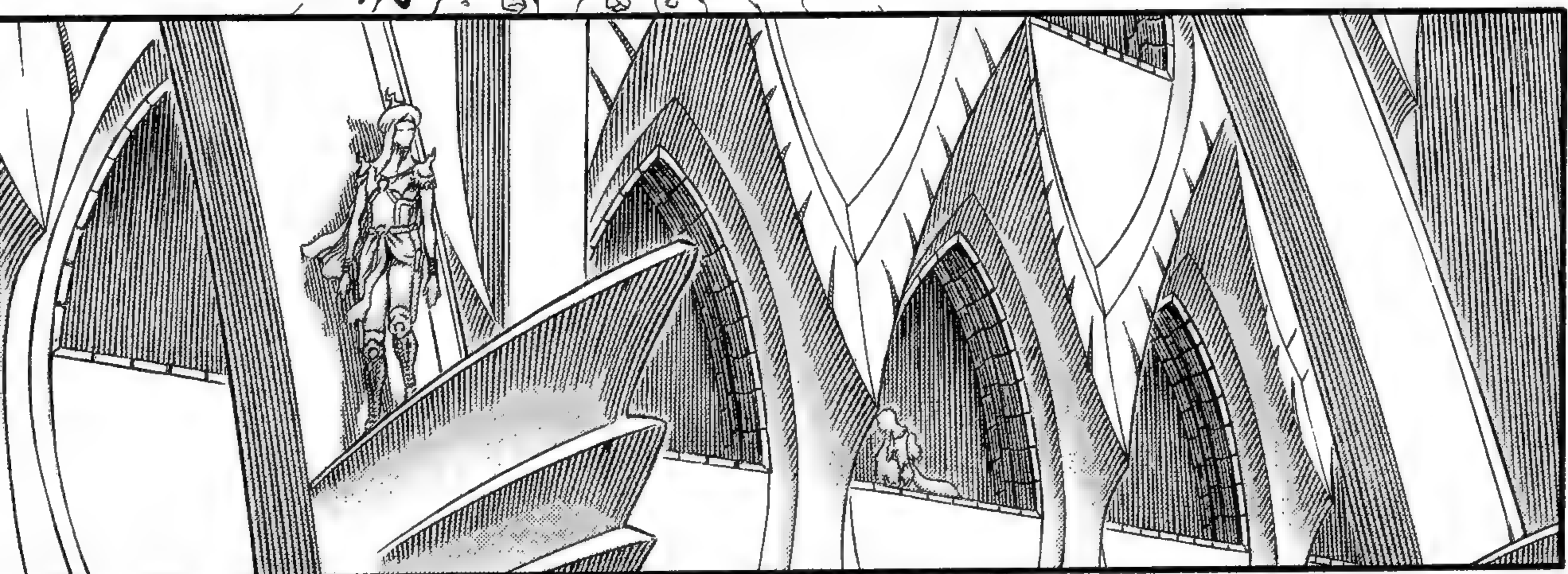
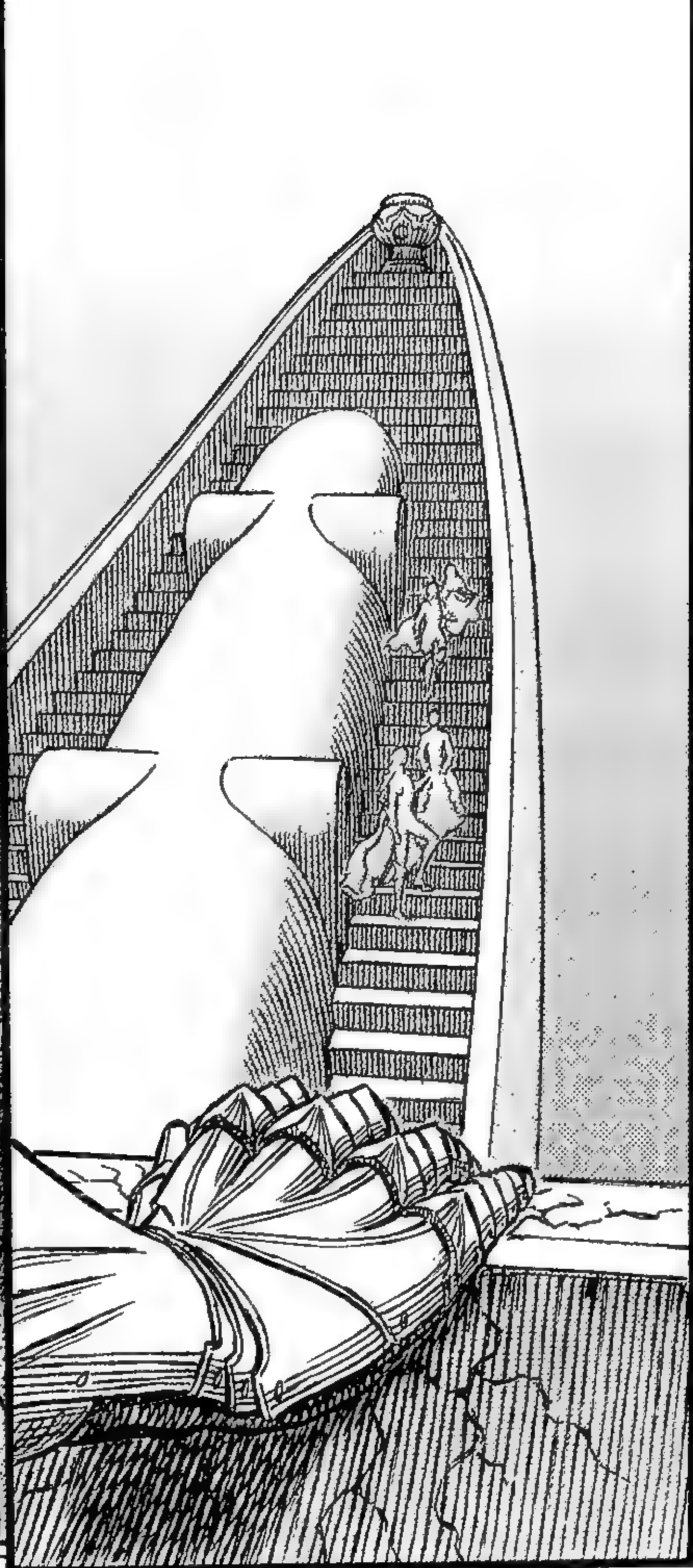
幻造世界ファンタジー篇／妖精島の章

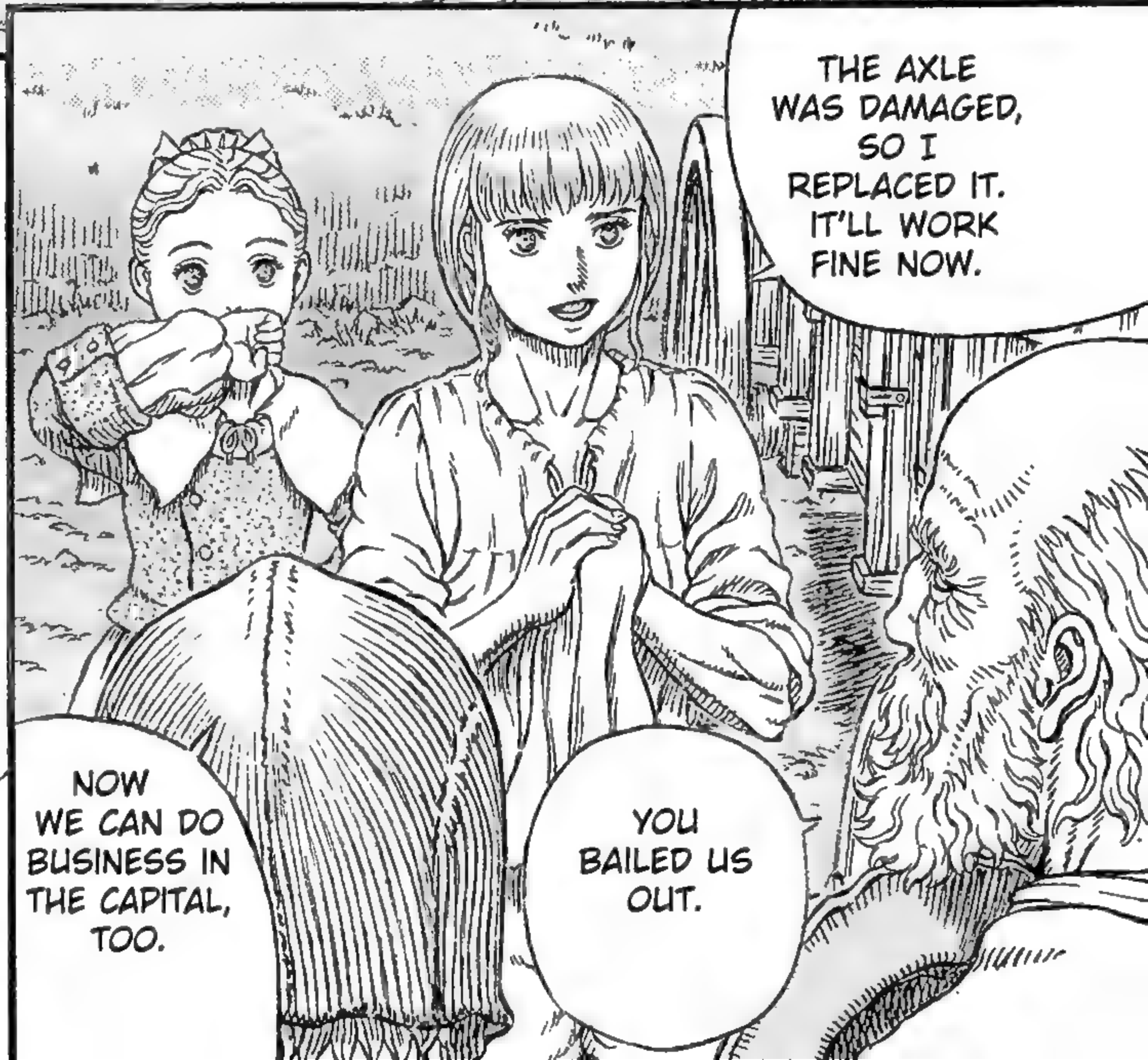
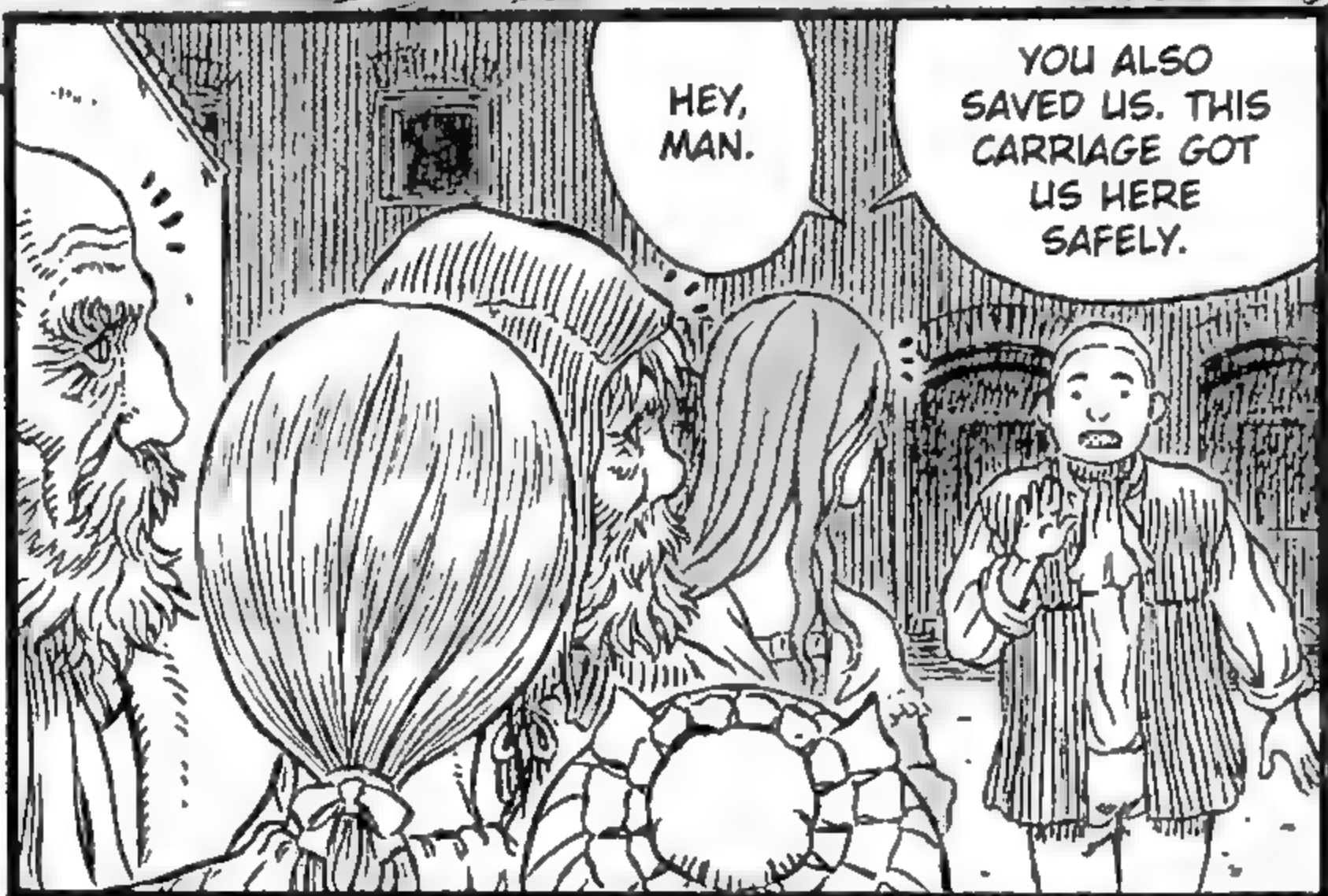
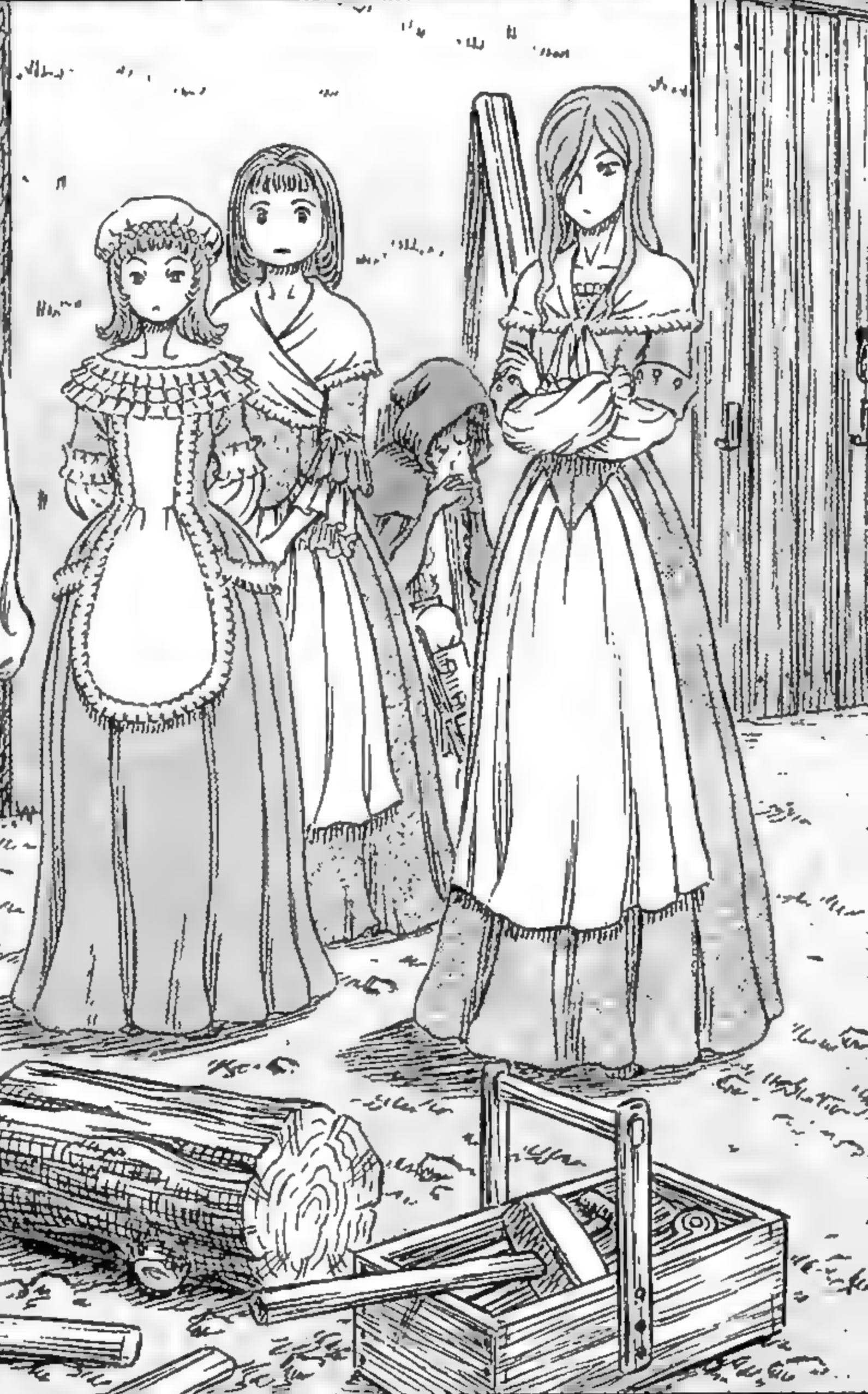
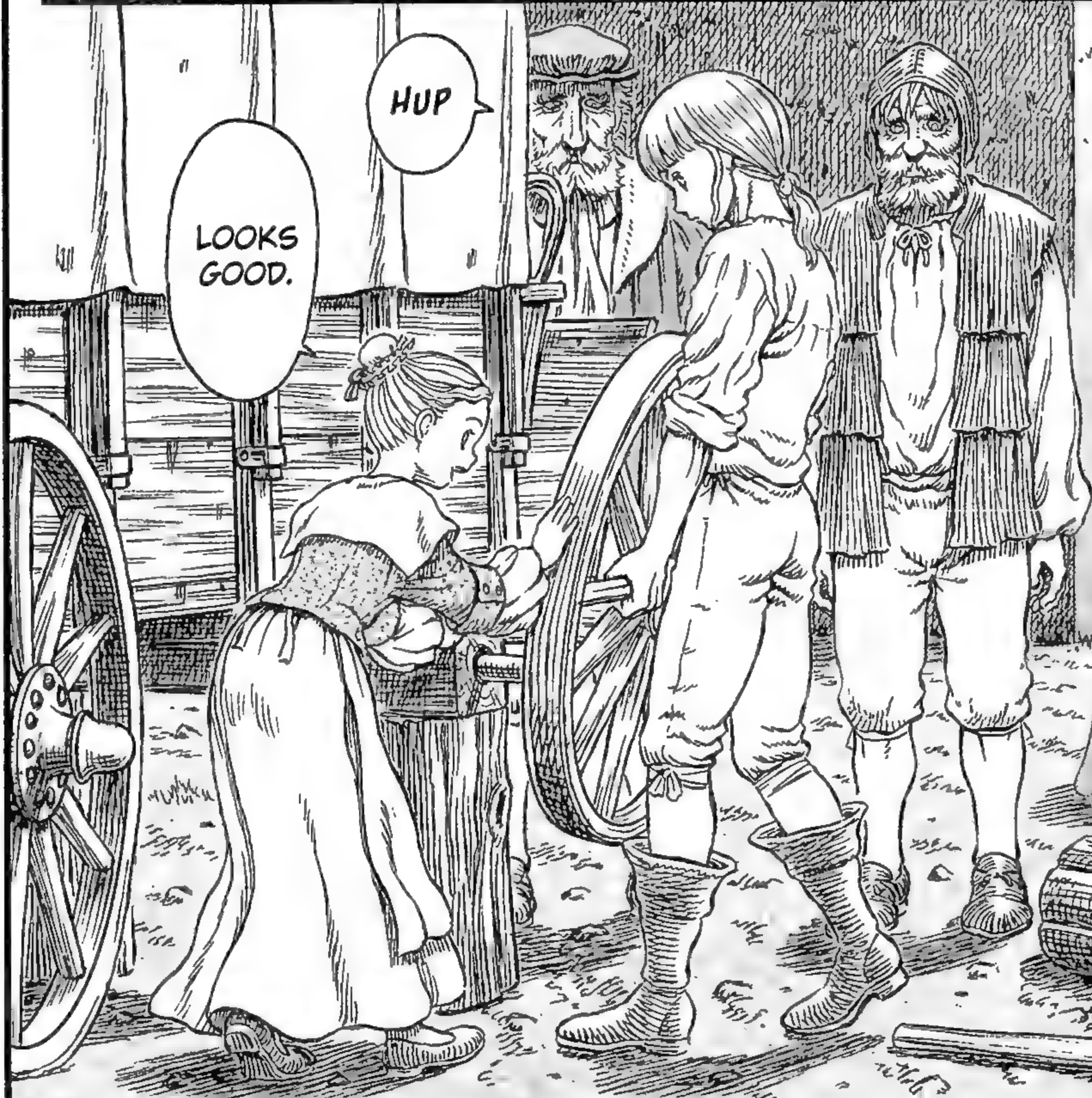
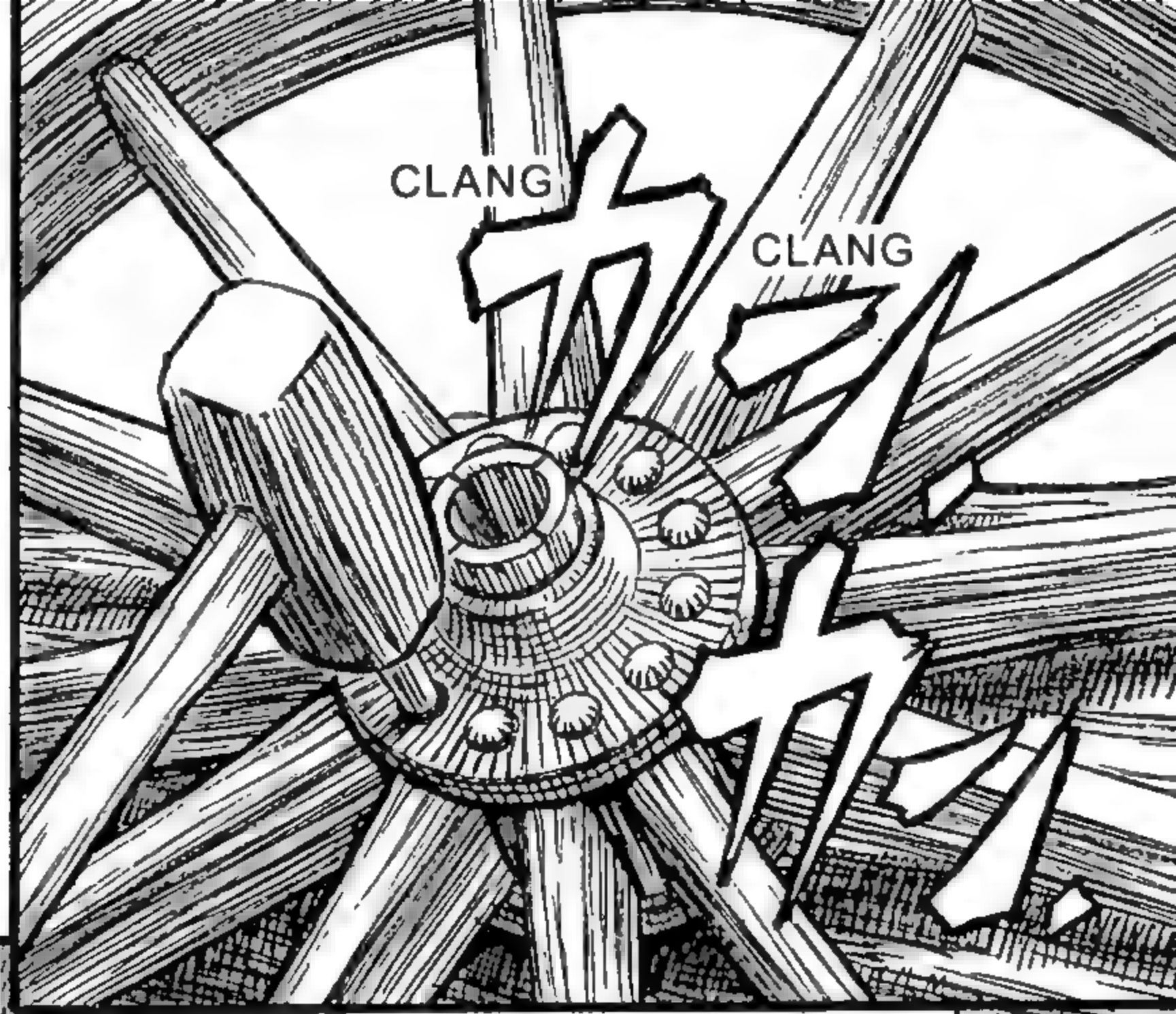
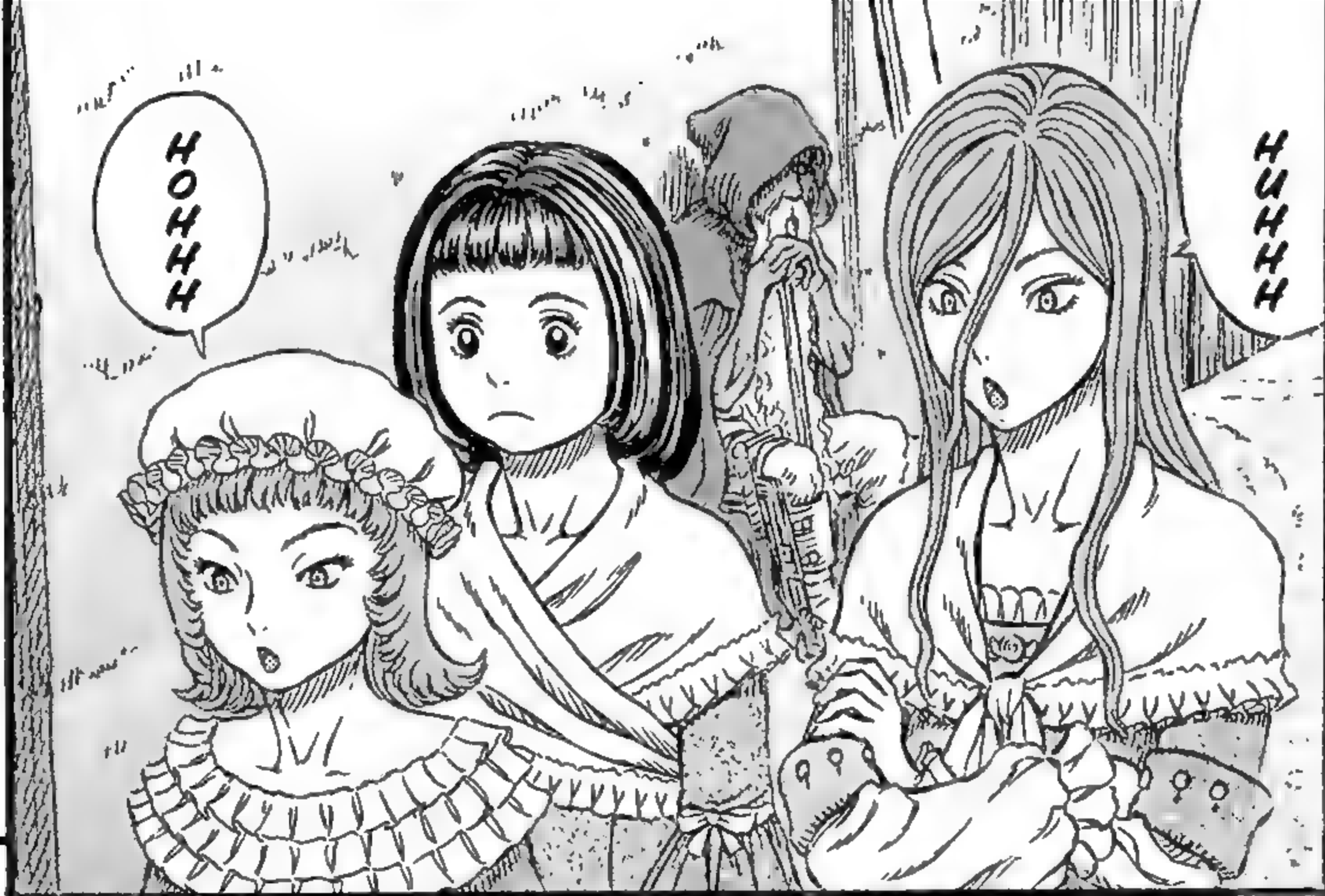
夕闇の死客

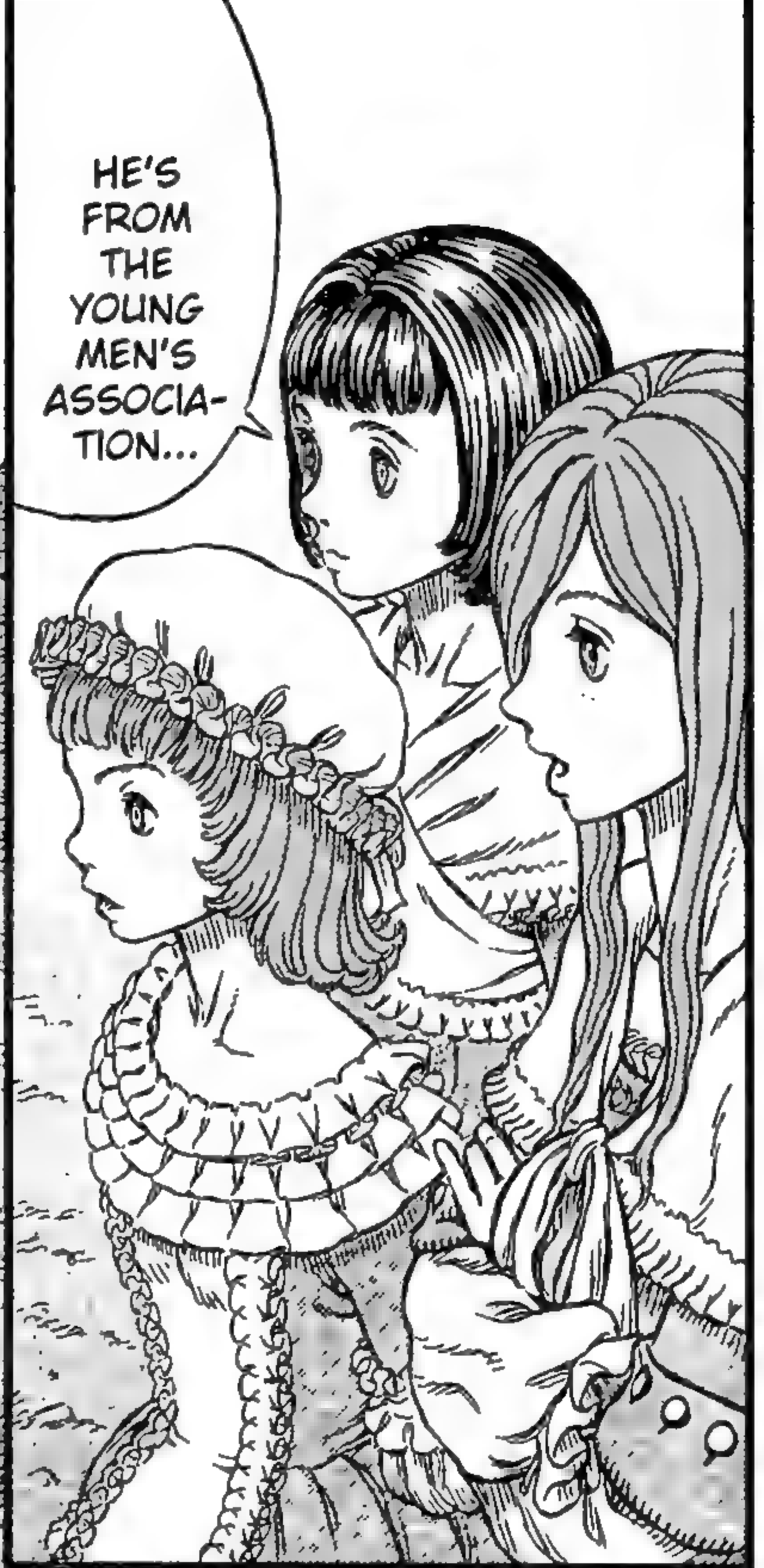
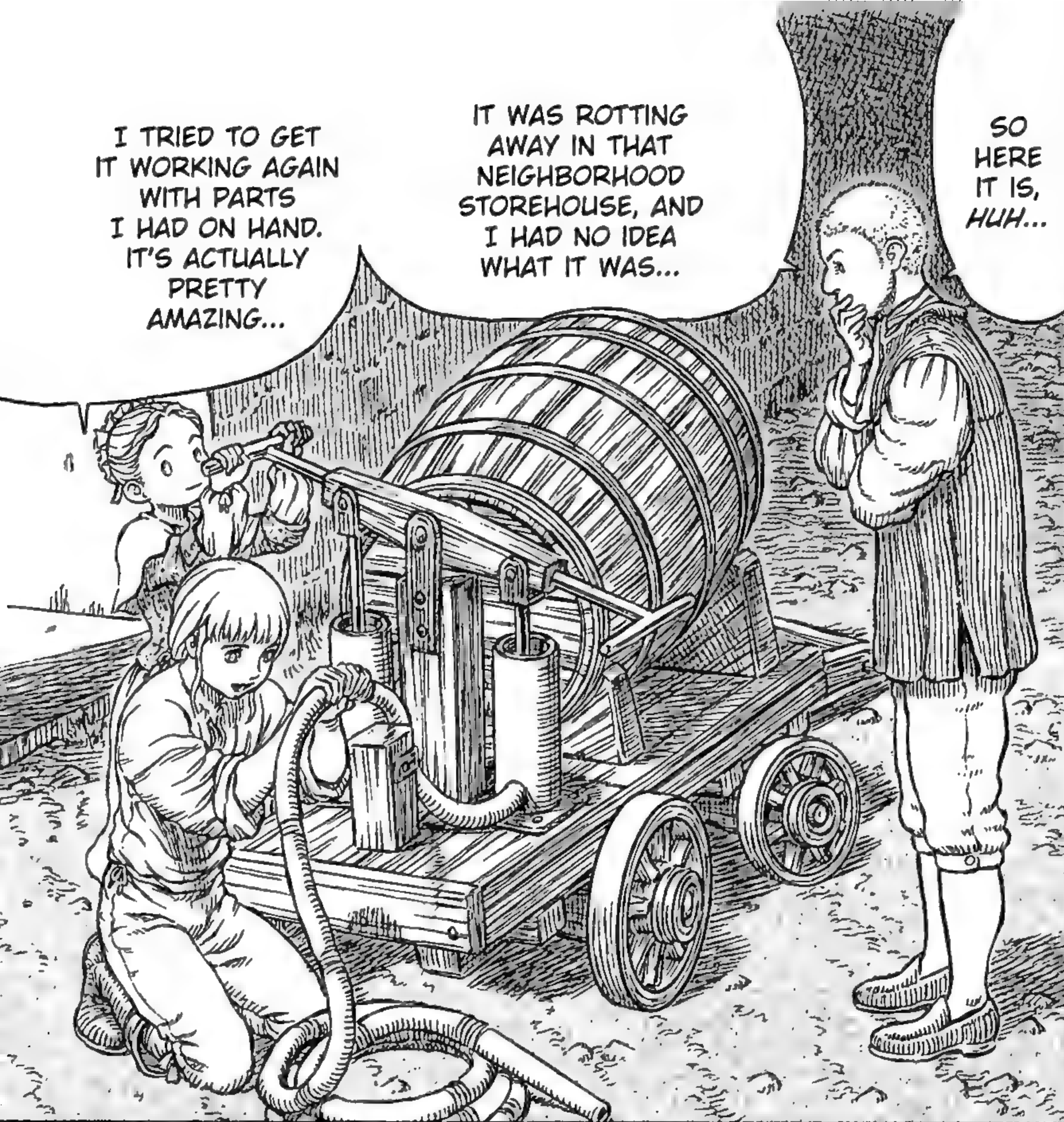
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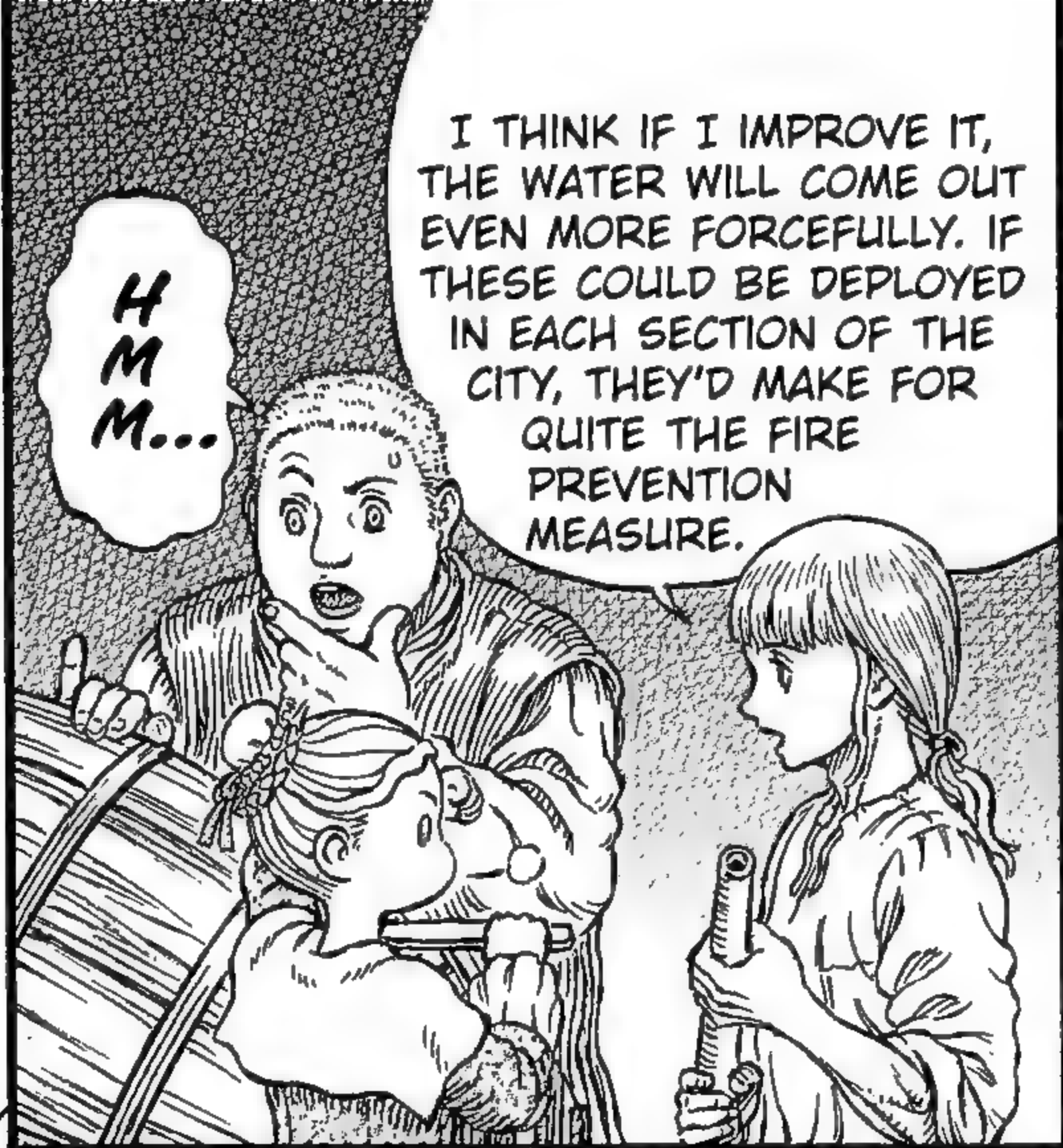






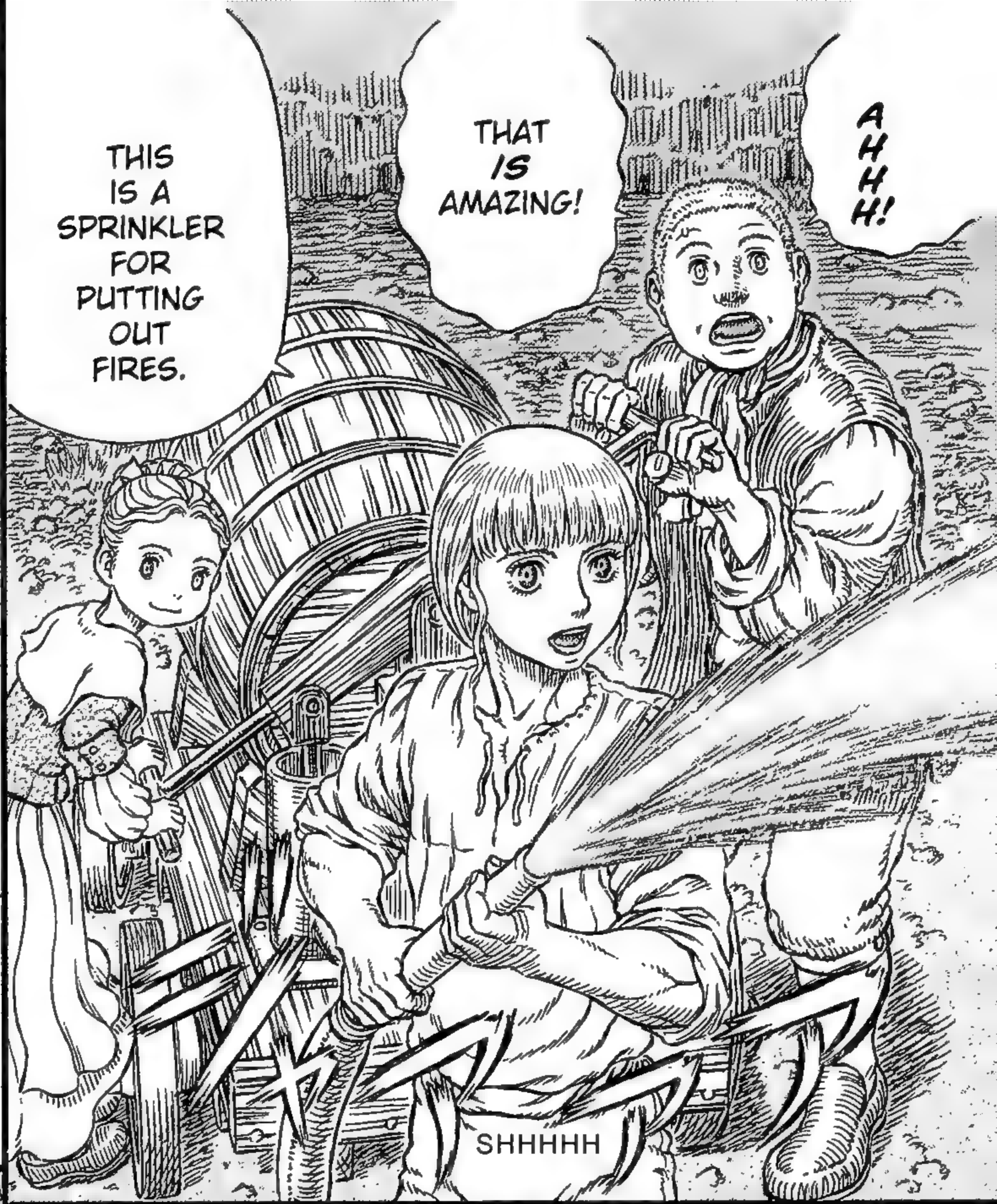






H
M
M...

I THINK IF I IMPROVE IT,
THE WATER WILL COME OUT
EVEN MORE FORCEFULLY. IF
THESE COULD BE DEPLOYED
IN EACH SECTION OF THE
CITY, THEY'D MAKE FOR
QUITE THE FIRE
PREVENTION
MEASURE.



THIS
IS A
SPRINKLER
FOR
PUTTING
OUT
FIRES.

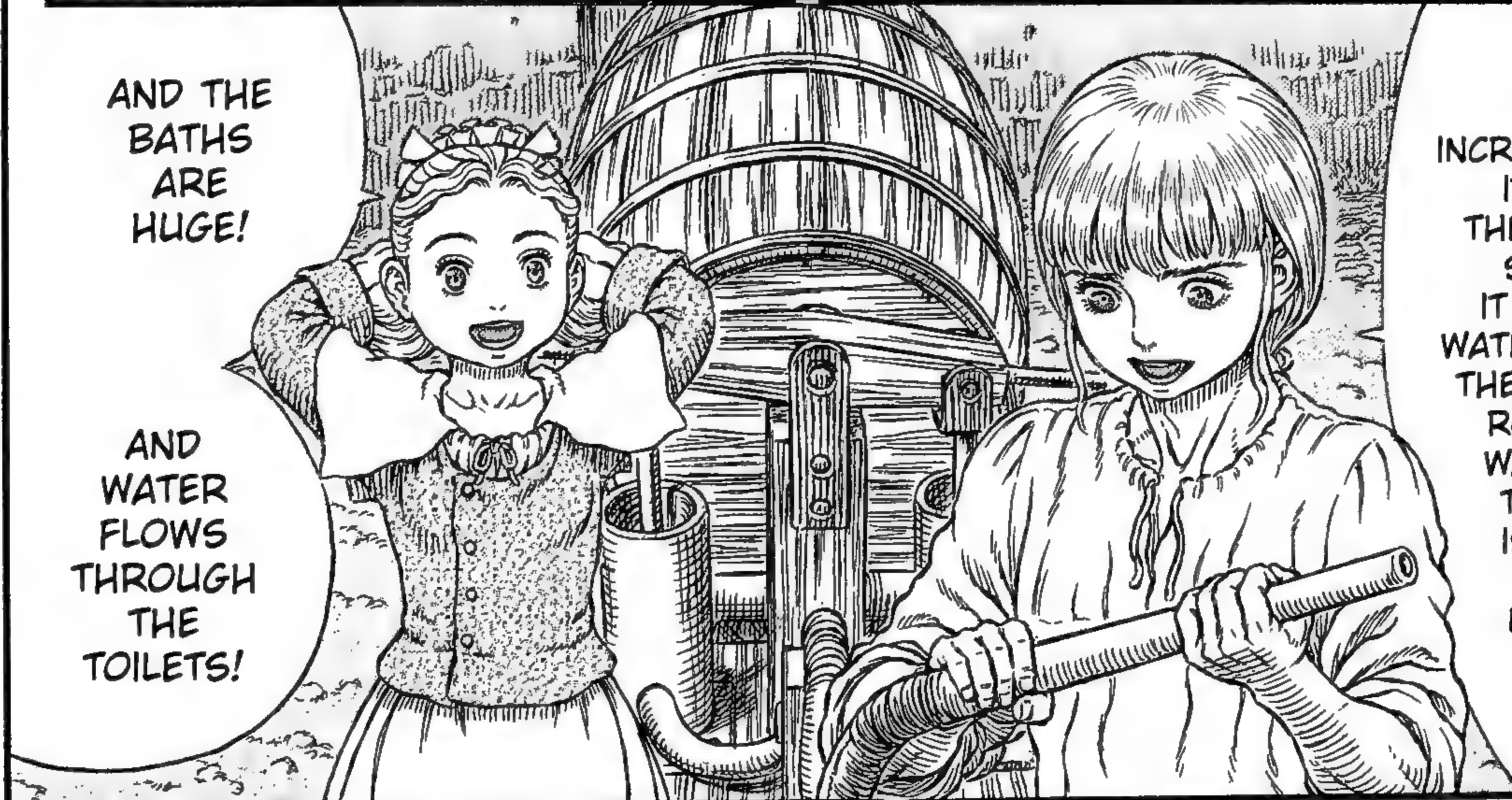
THAT
IS
AMAZING!

A
H
H
H!

I'LL HAVE THE
GUYS FROM THE
ASSOCIATION COME
GET THAT ONE
TOMORROW...

I'LL GO PETITION
OUR OFFICIAL
RIGHT NOW!

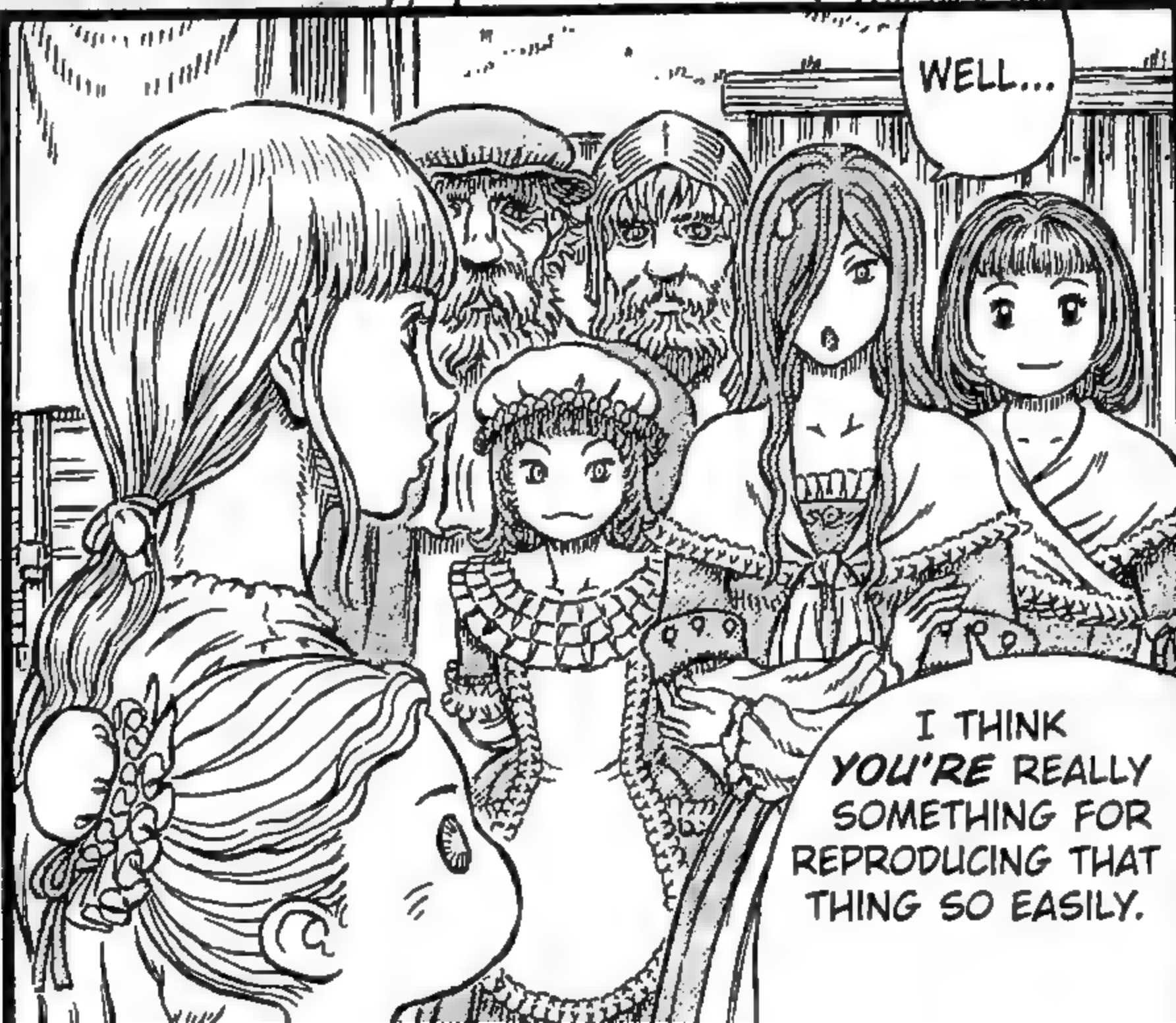
SHHHHH



AND THE
BATHS
ARE
HUGE!

AND
WATER
FLOWS
THROUGH
THE
TOILETS!

THIS CITY IS
INCREDIBLE, THOUGH.
IT ISN'T JUST
THE SPECTACULAR
STRUCTURES.
IT HAS RUNNING
WATER AND SEWERS,
THE STREETS HAVE
ROADWAYS AND
WALKWAYS, AND
TRAFFIC FLOW
IS EXCELLENT.
THERE ARE
EVEN THINGS
LIKE THIS...



WELL...

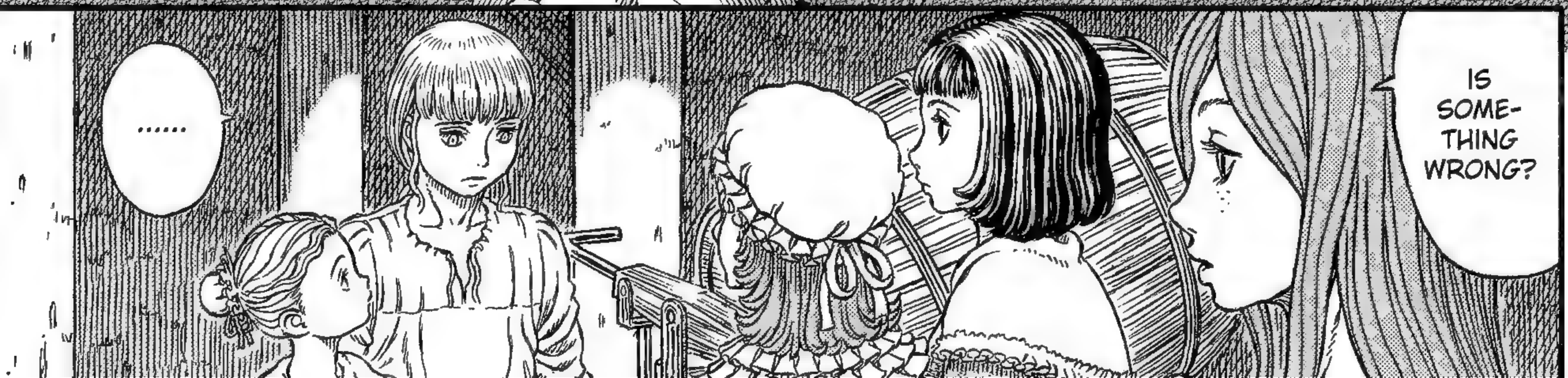
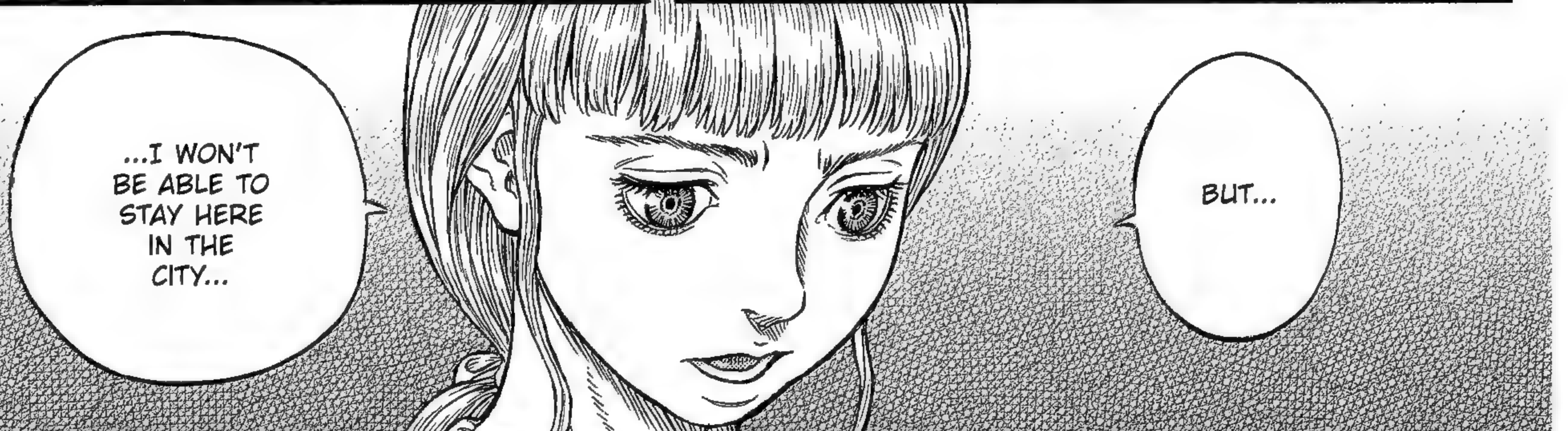
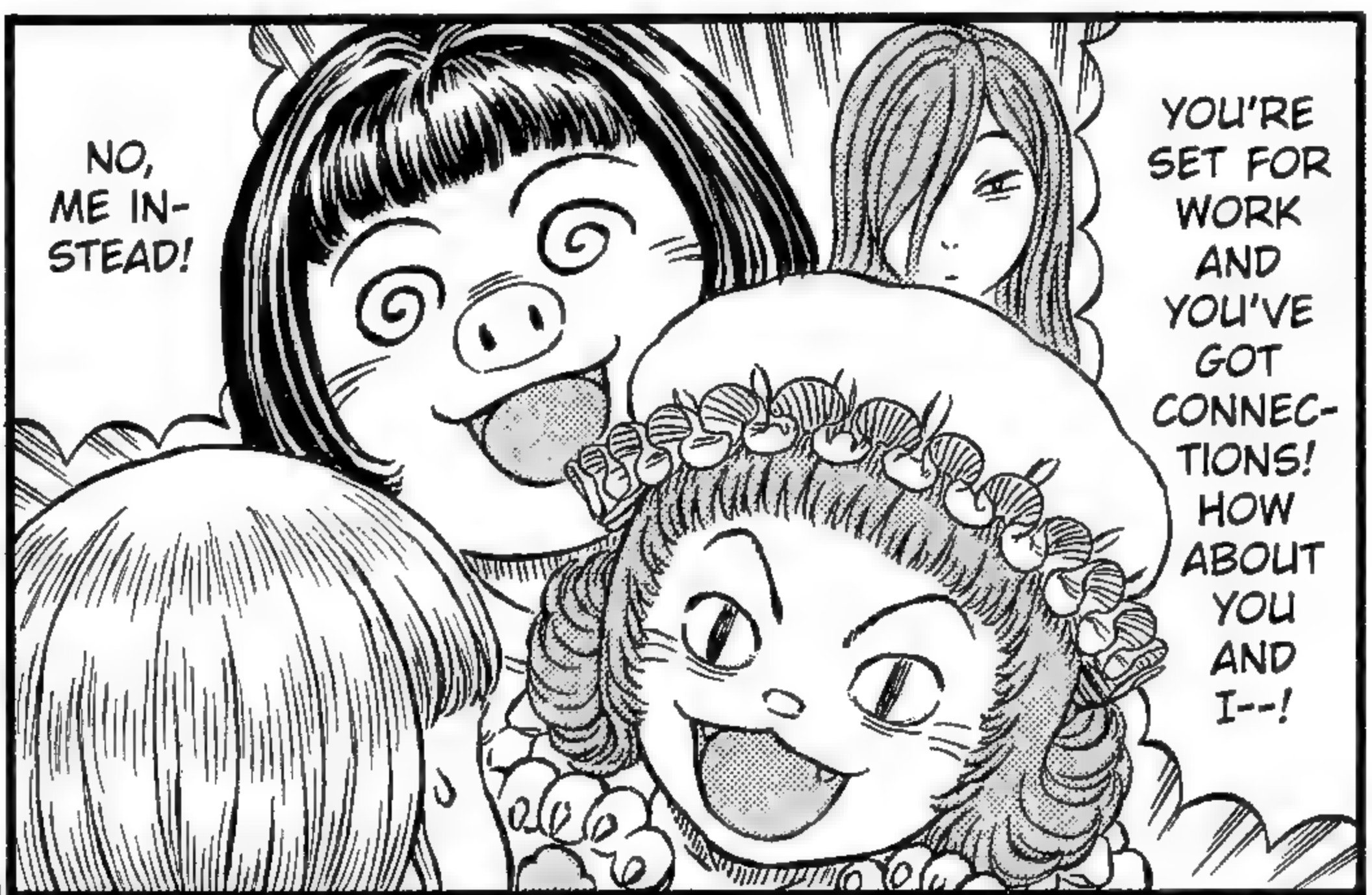
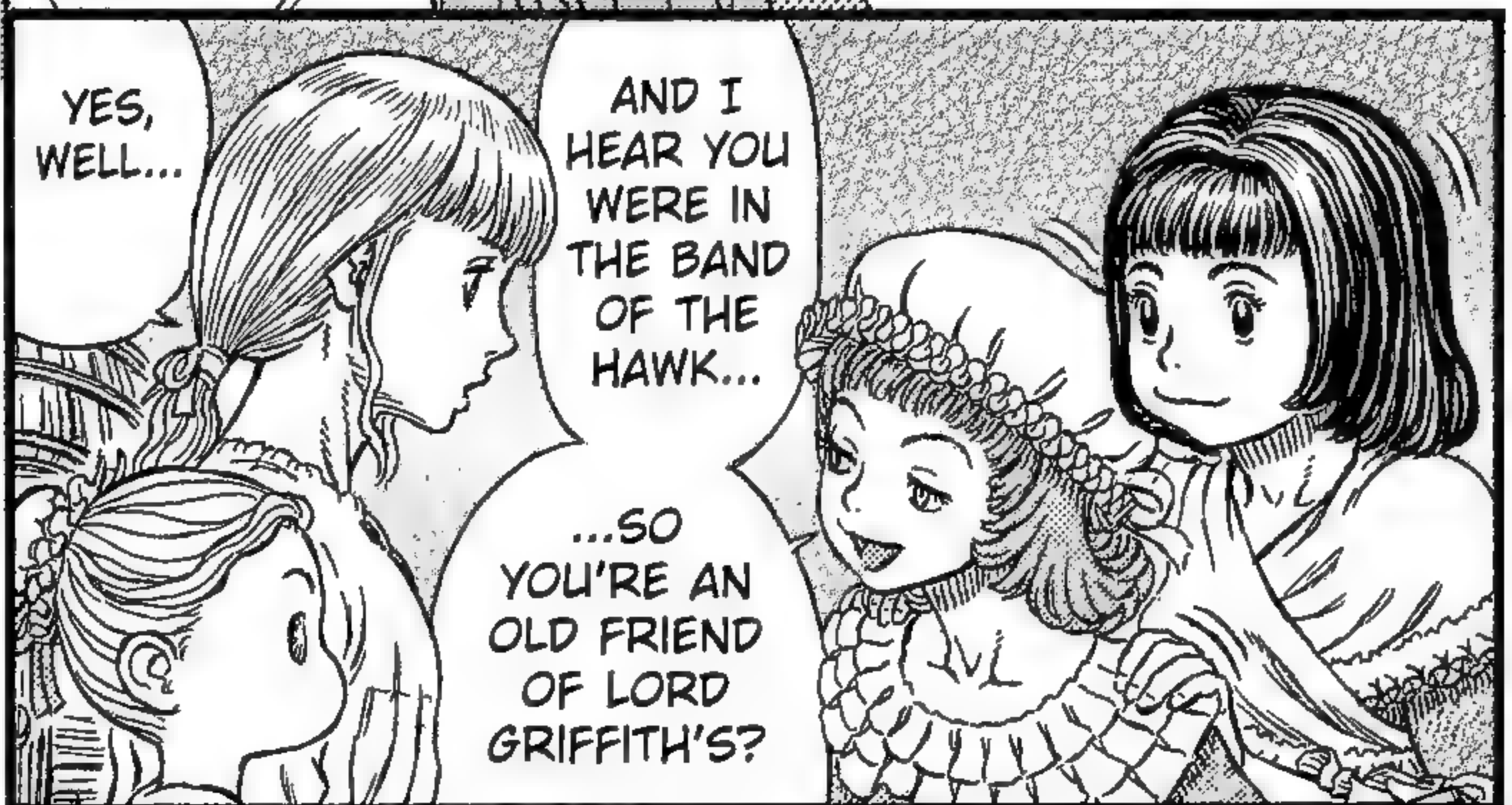
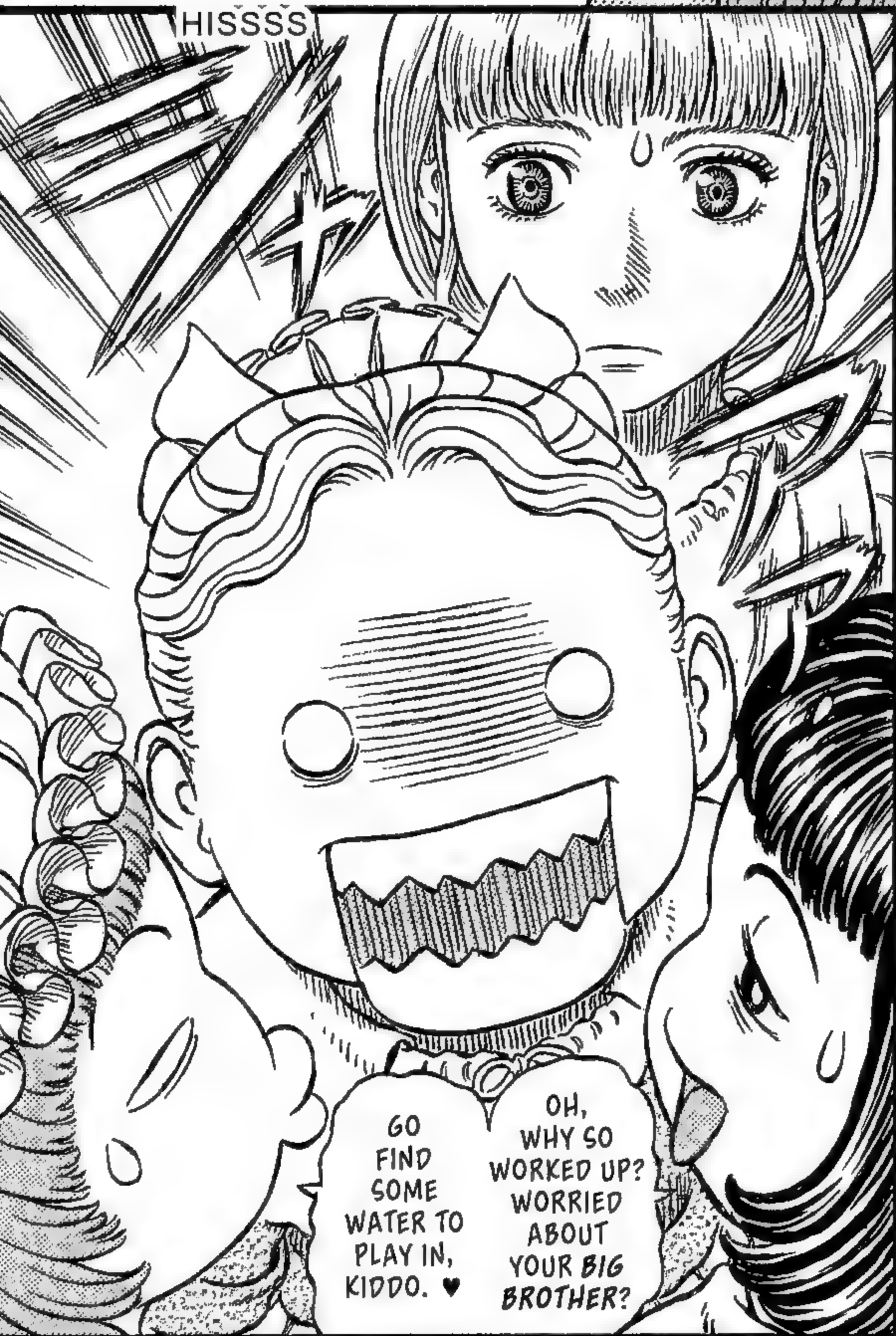
I THINK
YOU'RE REALLY
SOMETHING FOR
REPRODUCING THAT
THING SO EASILY.

...BOTH
THEIR
CULTURE
AND
TECHNOLOGY
MUST HAVE
BEEN MORE
ADVANCED
THAN ANY
COUNTRY'S
TODAY...

IF THIS
PLACE
IS THE
LEGENDARY
CITY...

AT
ANY RATE,
SKILLED
CRAFTSMEN
ARE IN GREAT
DEMAND
IN THIS CITY.

IF YOU'RE
THAT SKILLED,
YOU'LL
PROBABLY
FIND A JOB
RIGHT AWAY.

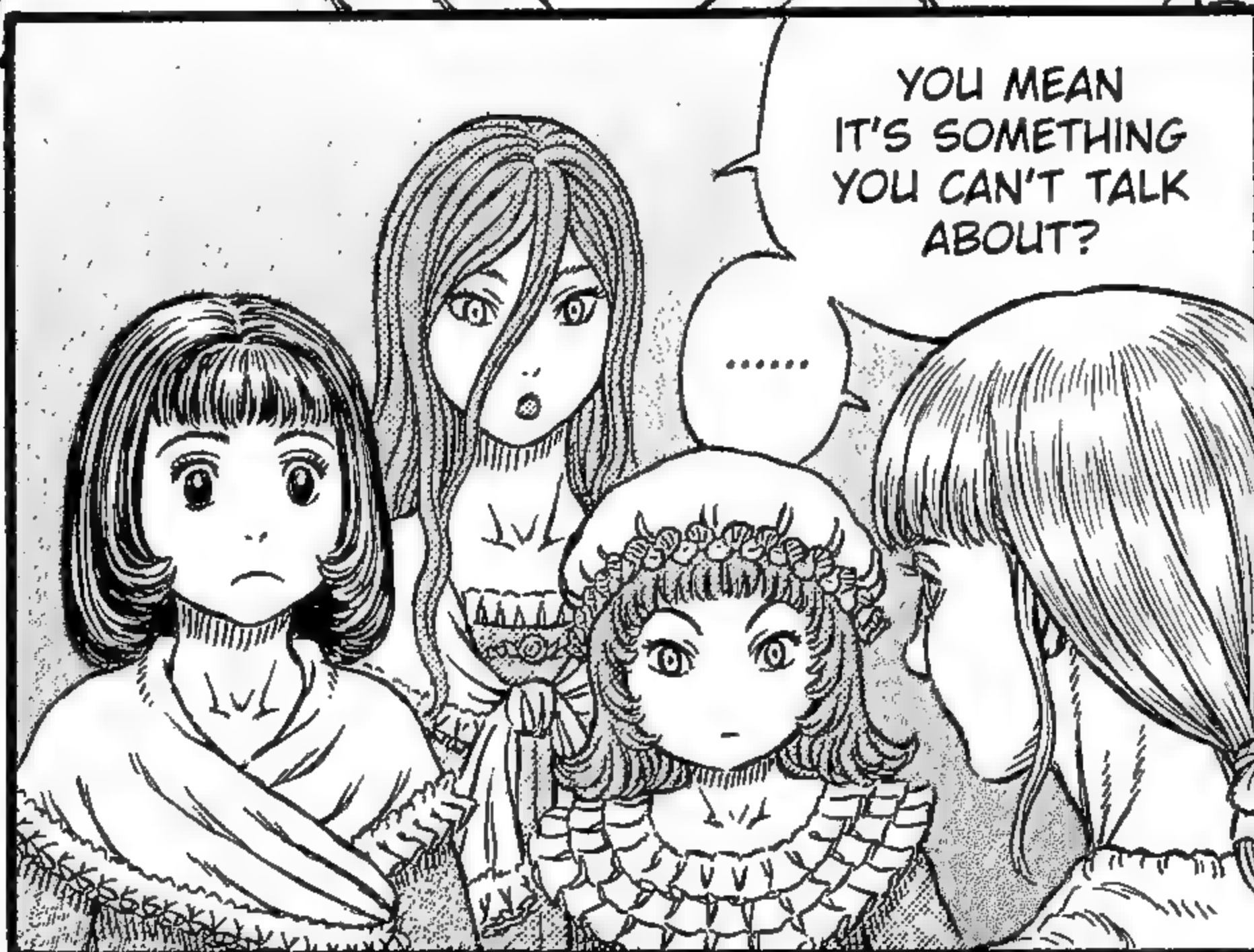




WHATEVER
FOR?

YOU
SLAPPED...

...LORD
GRIFFITH
...?!



YOU MEAN
IT'S SOMETHING
YOU CAN'T TALK
ABOUT?

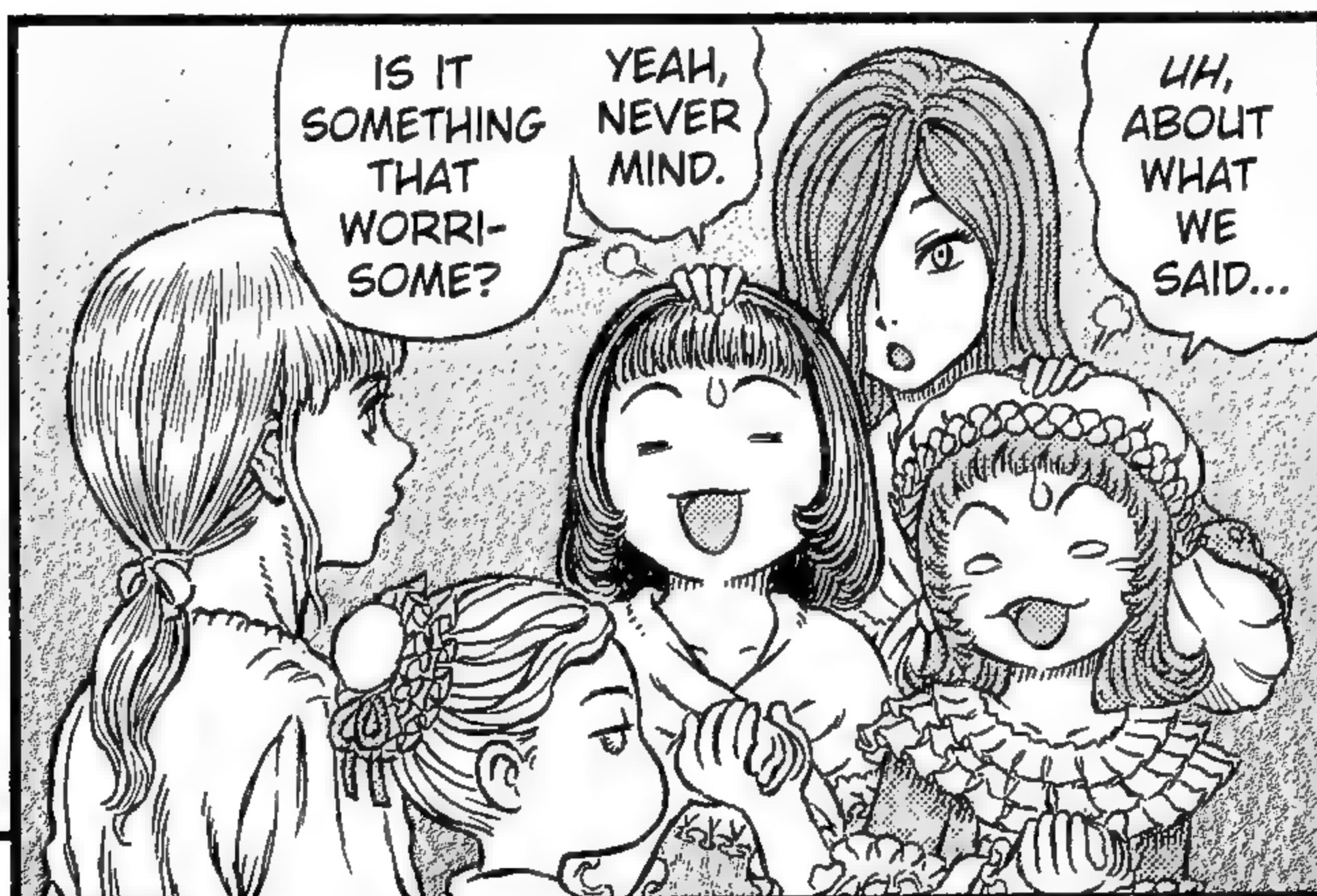
.....



I..

WELL...

...



IS IT
SOMETHING
THAT
WORRI-
SOME?

YEAH,
NEVER
MIND.

UH,
ABOUT
WHAT
WE
SAID...



EVEN
IF THEY
DO GO
WAY
BACK.

THAT'S
REALLY
BAD
THOUGH,
HUH?

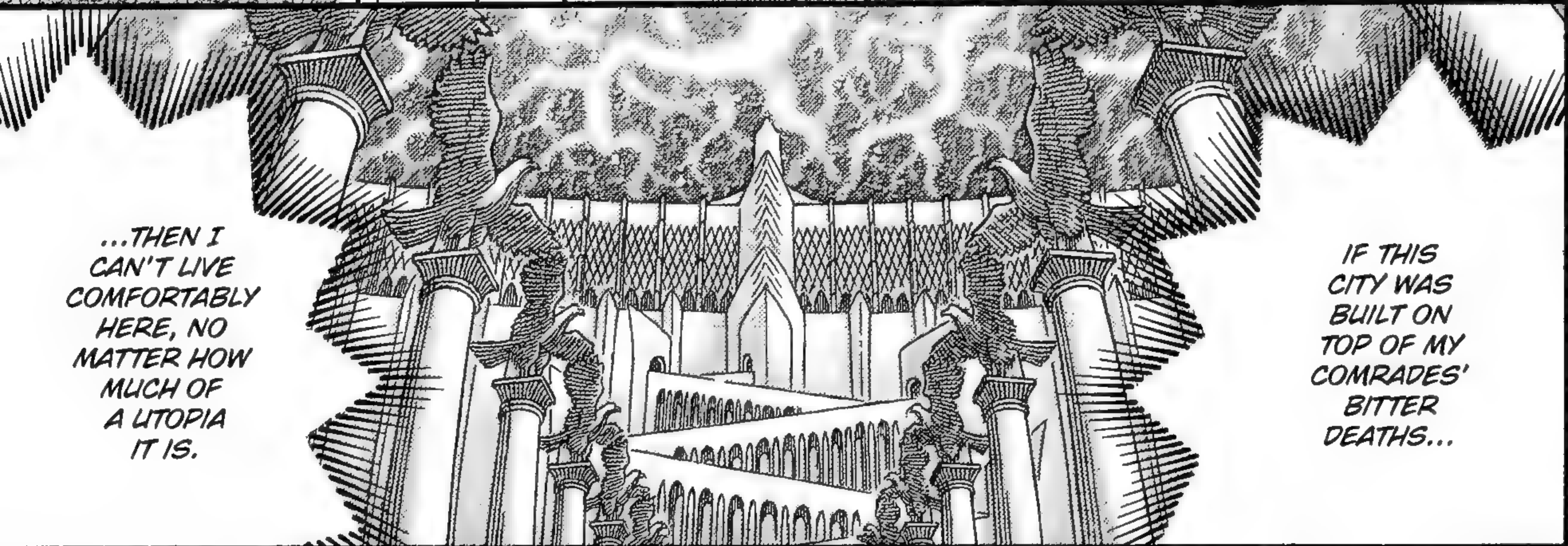


IT'S
BECAUSE
OF
THAT...

YOU'RE
BOTH MEN...
IN FACT YOU'RE
WAR BUDDIES
WHO USED TO
LIVE TOGETHER.
I'M SURE THERE'S
BEEN A SLAP OR
PUNCH OR
TWO.

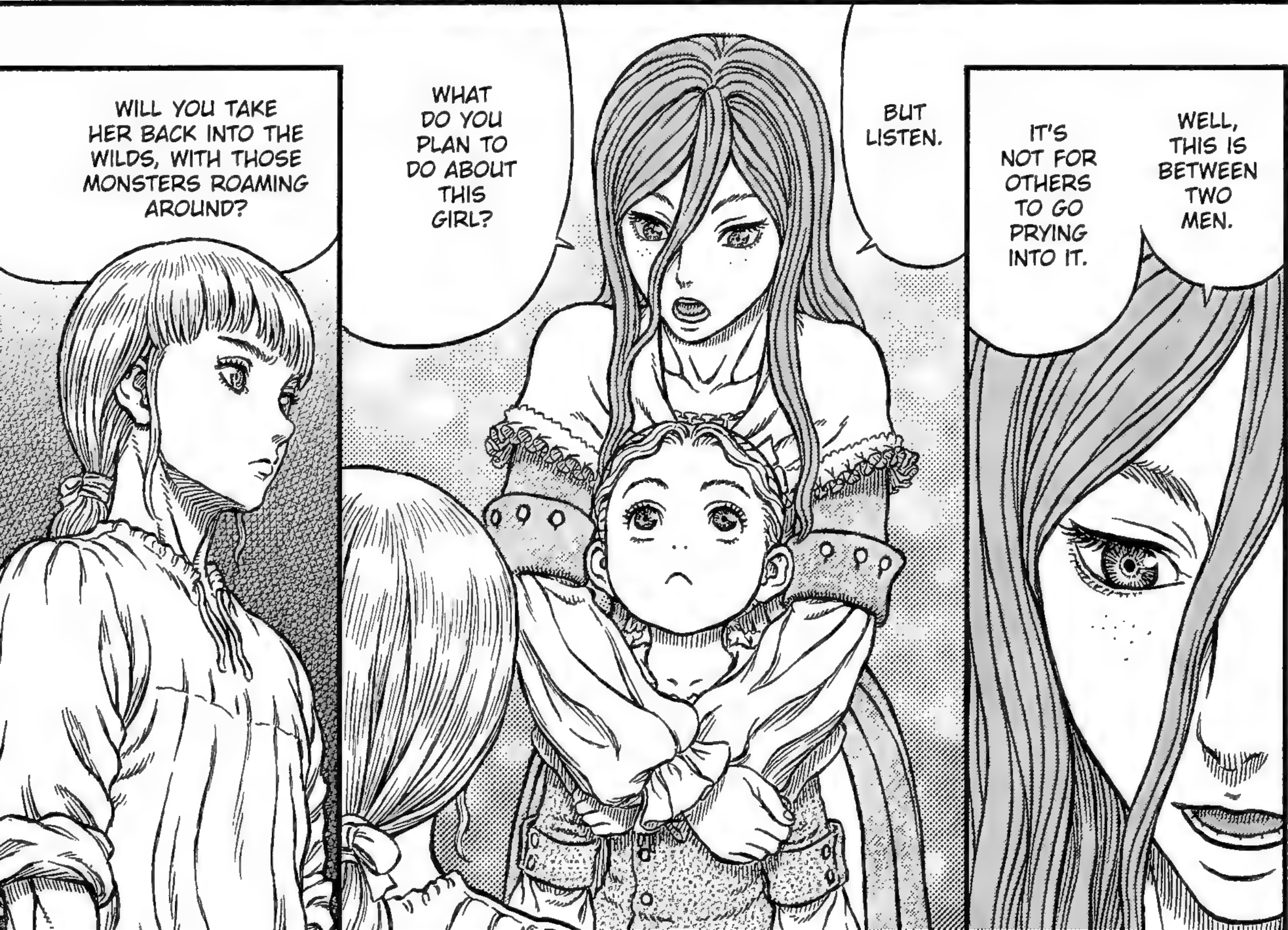


IT'S
BECAUSE
WE WERE
WAR
BUDDIES...



...THEN I
CAN'T LIVE
COMFORTABLY
HERE, NO
MATTER HOW
MUCH OF
A UTOPIA
IT IS.

IF THIS
CITY WAS
BUILT ON
TOP OF MY
COMRADES'
BITTER
DEATHS...



WILL YOU TAKE
HER BACK INTO THE
WILDS, WITH THOSE
MONSTERS ROAMING
AROUND?

WHAT
DO YOU
PLAN TO
DO ABOUT
THIS
GIRL?

BUT
LISTEN.

IT'S
NOT FOR
OTHERS
TO GO
PRYING
INTO IT.

WELL,
THIS IS
BETWEEN
TWO
MEN.

...I'M
GOING
WITH
HIM.

OR
WILL
YOU...

WE'RE
FAMILY.

YOU
CAN
BET...

...AND WHO
KNOWS
WHAT'LL
END UP
BEING
IMPOR-
TANT.

WELL...
...STAY
ALIVE...

ERICA...

YOU
HEARD
HER.

I'M
GOING
WITH!

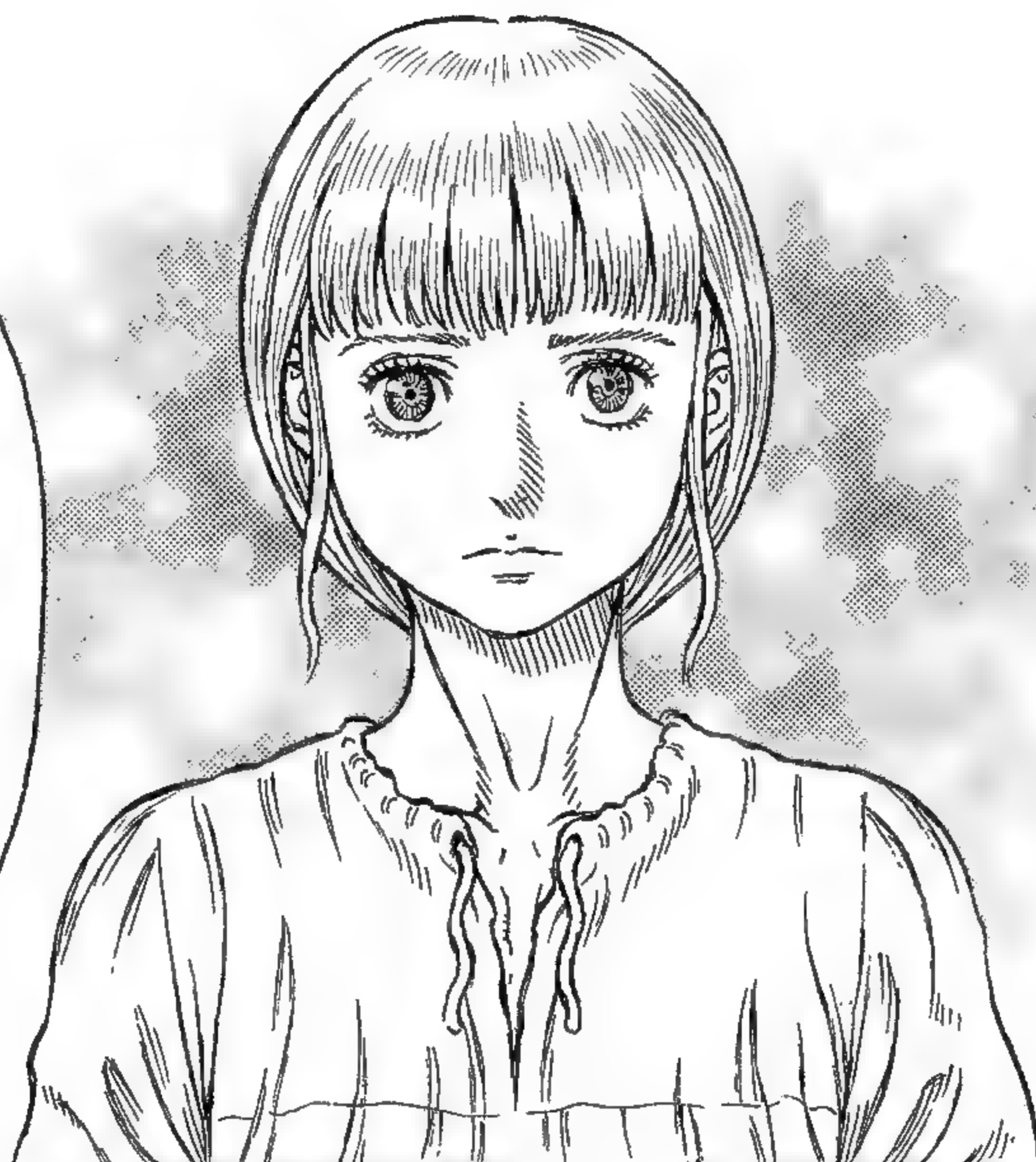
NO MATTER
WHAT YOU
CHOOSE,
TRUTH IS, BOTH
REGRET AND
RELUCTANCE
ARE GOING TO
FOLLOW YOU
AROUND.

THINGS
YOU HAVE
NOW,
THINGS
YOU'VE
LOST.

PEOPLE
WHO'RE
NEARBY,
PEOPLE
WHO'VE GONE
FAR AWAY.

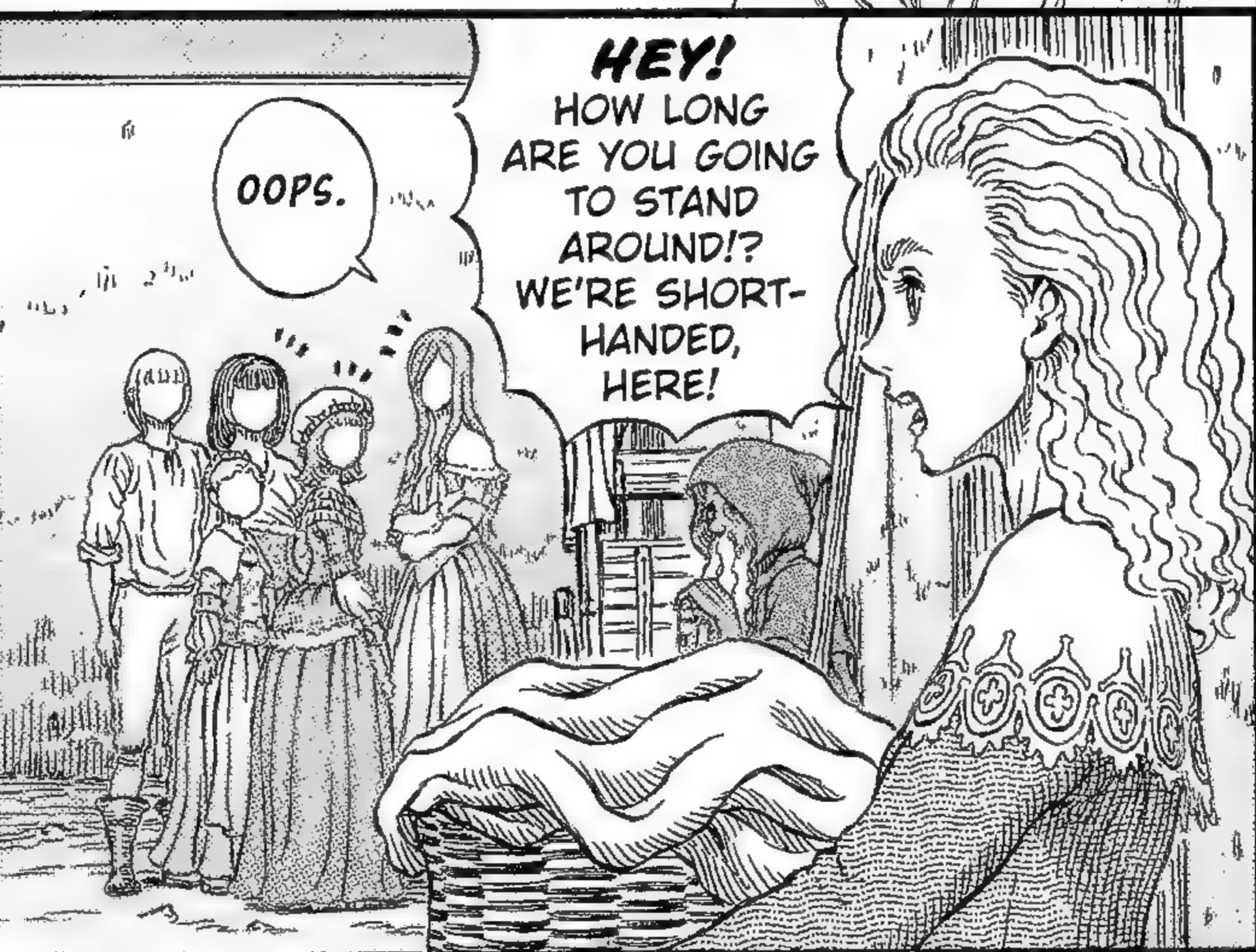
...YOU
DON'T MAKE
EXCUSES TO
YOURSELF
DOWN THE
ROAD.

YOU
JUST HAVE
TO MAKE
SURE...



OOPS.

HEY!
HOW LONG
ARE YOU GOING
TO STAND
AROUND!?
WE'RE SHORT-
HANDED,
HERE!

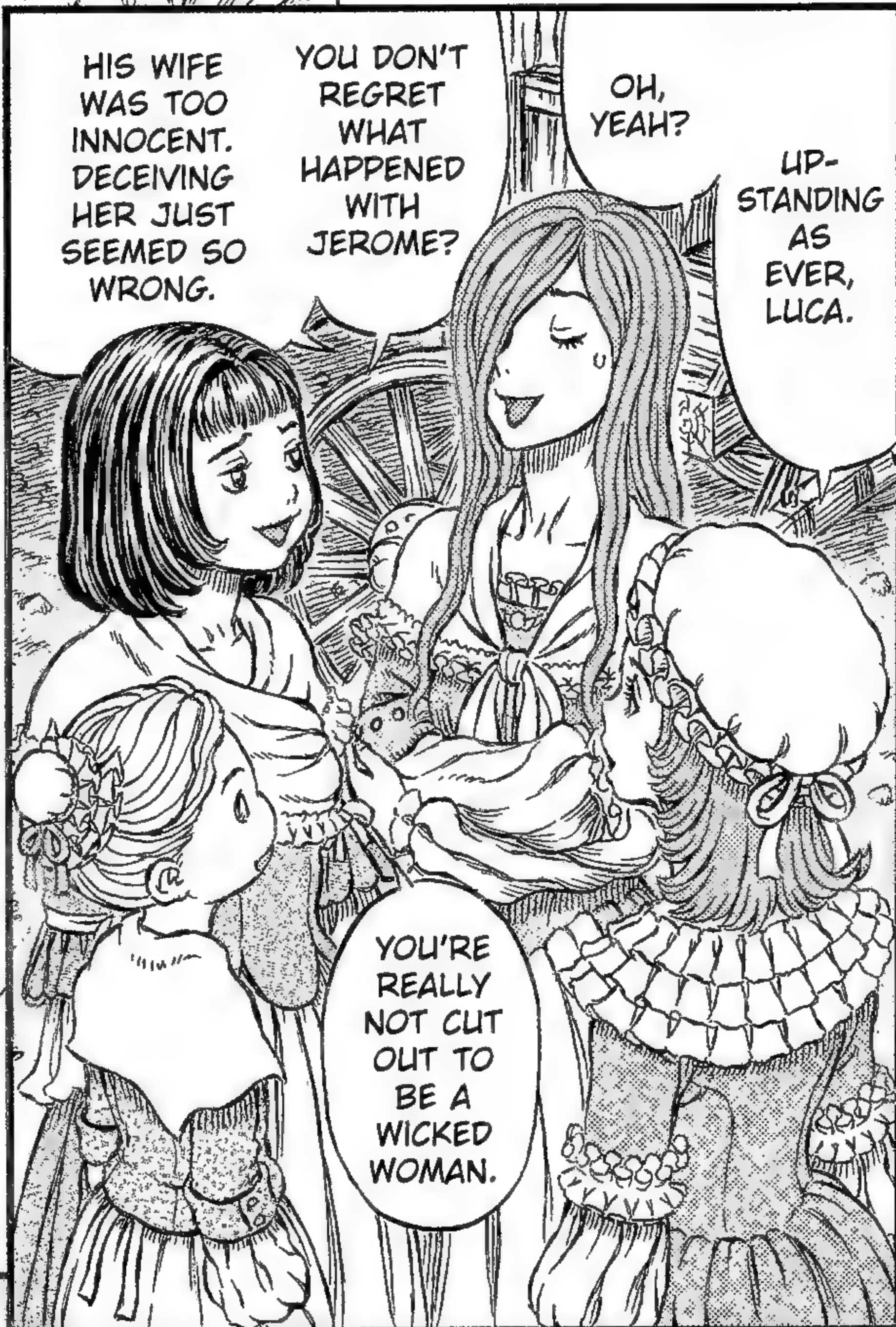


HIS WIFE
WAS TOO
INNOCENT.
DECEIVING
HER JUST
SEEMED SO
WRONG.

YOU DON'T
REGRET
WHAT
HAPPENED
WITH
JEROME?

OH,
YEAH?

UP-
STANDING
AS
EVER,
LUCA.



I'LL
HELP
TOO!

GIVE IT
SOME
CAREFUL
THOUGHT.

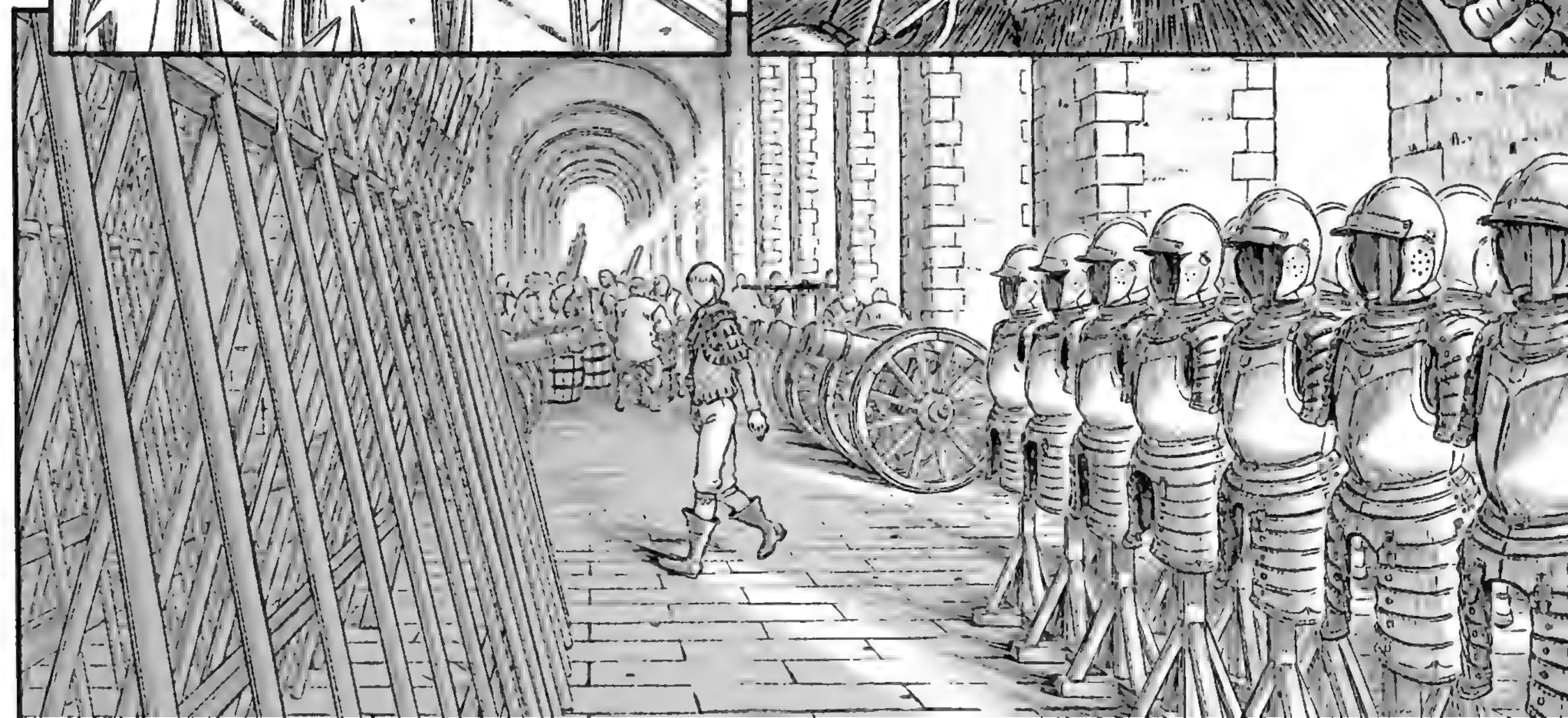
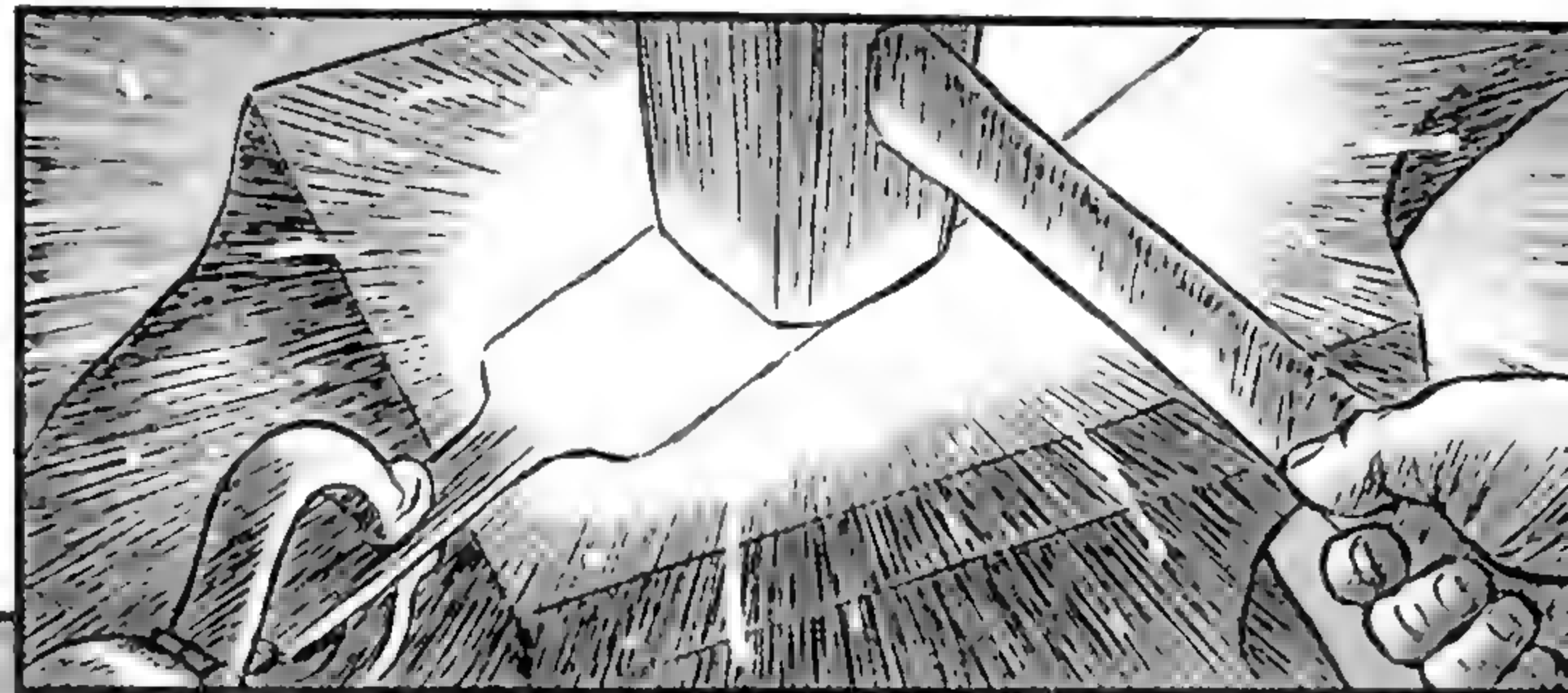
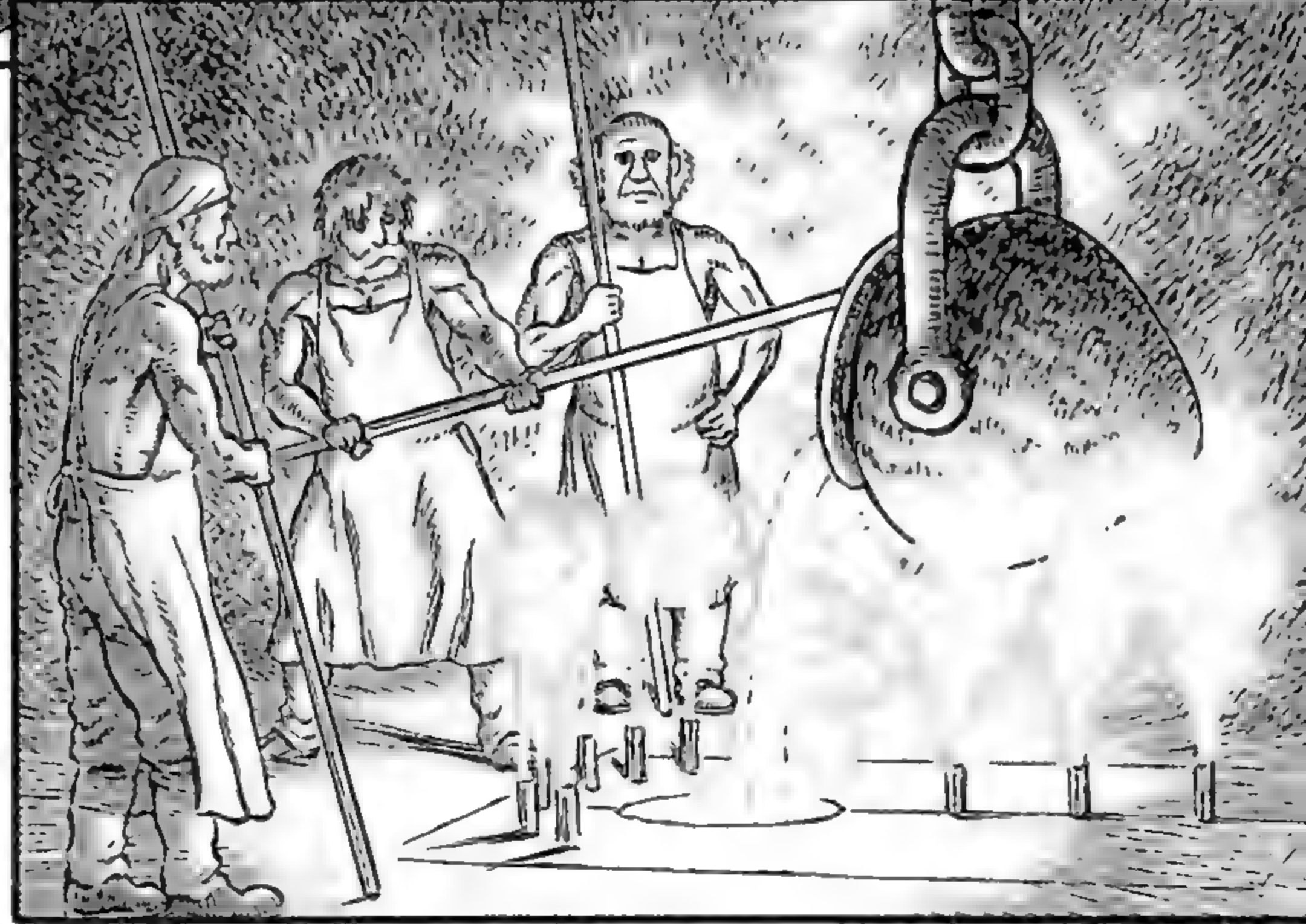
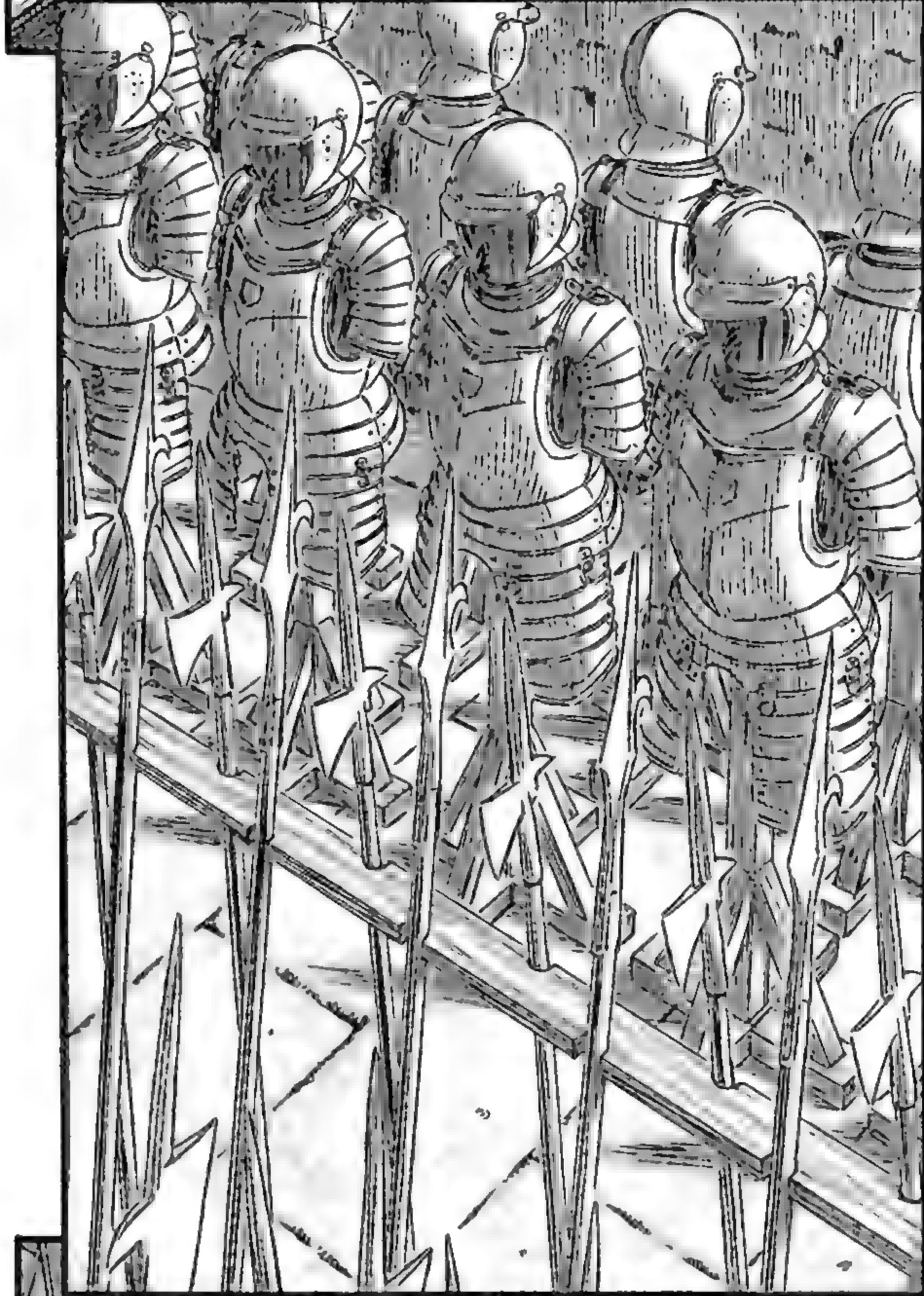
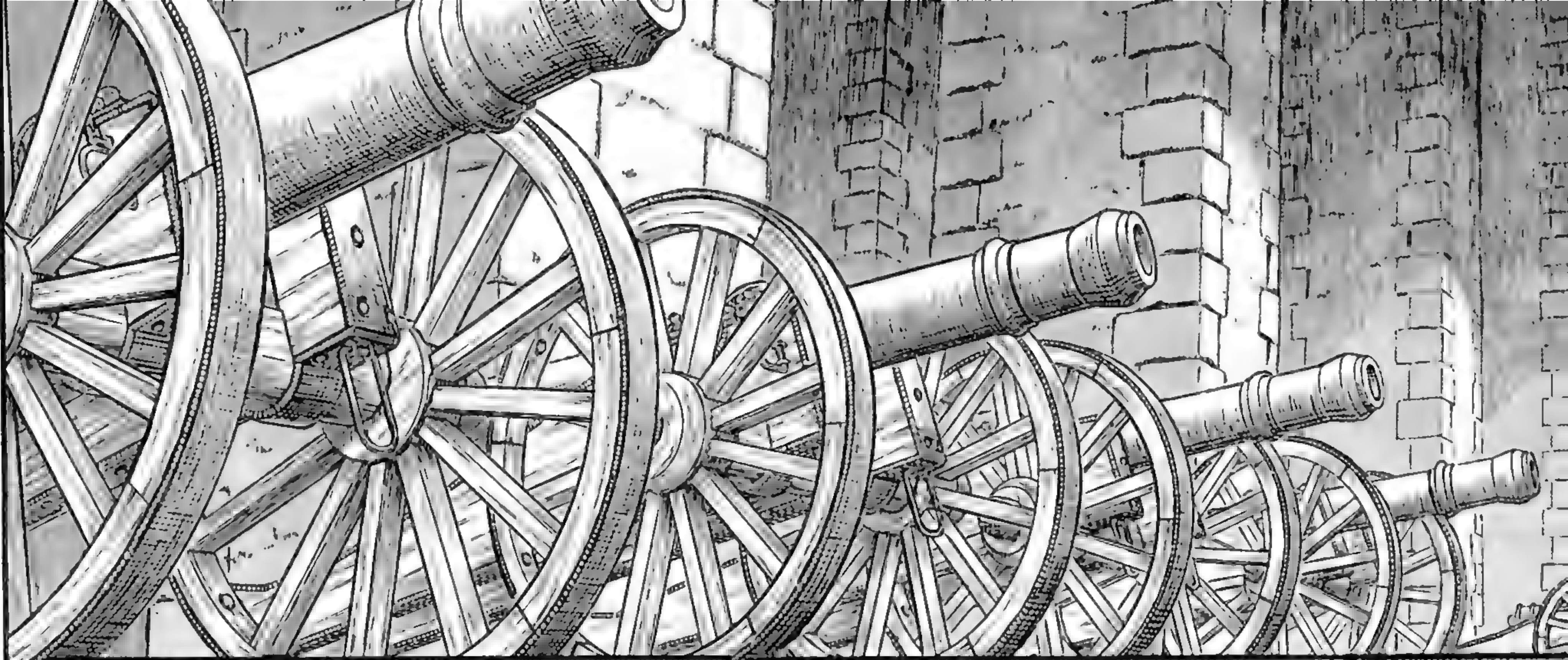
WELL,
THERE'S
NO
HURRY.

YOU'RE
REALLY
NOT CUT
OUT TO
BE A
WICKED
WOMAN.



AH,
TO BE
YOUNG...







THE
SCALE IS
INCREDIBLE.



EVERYONE
IS
EARNEST-
NESS
EMBODIED.

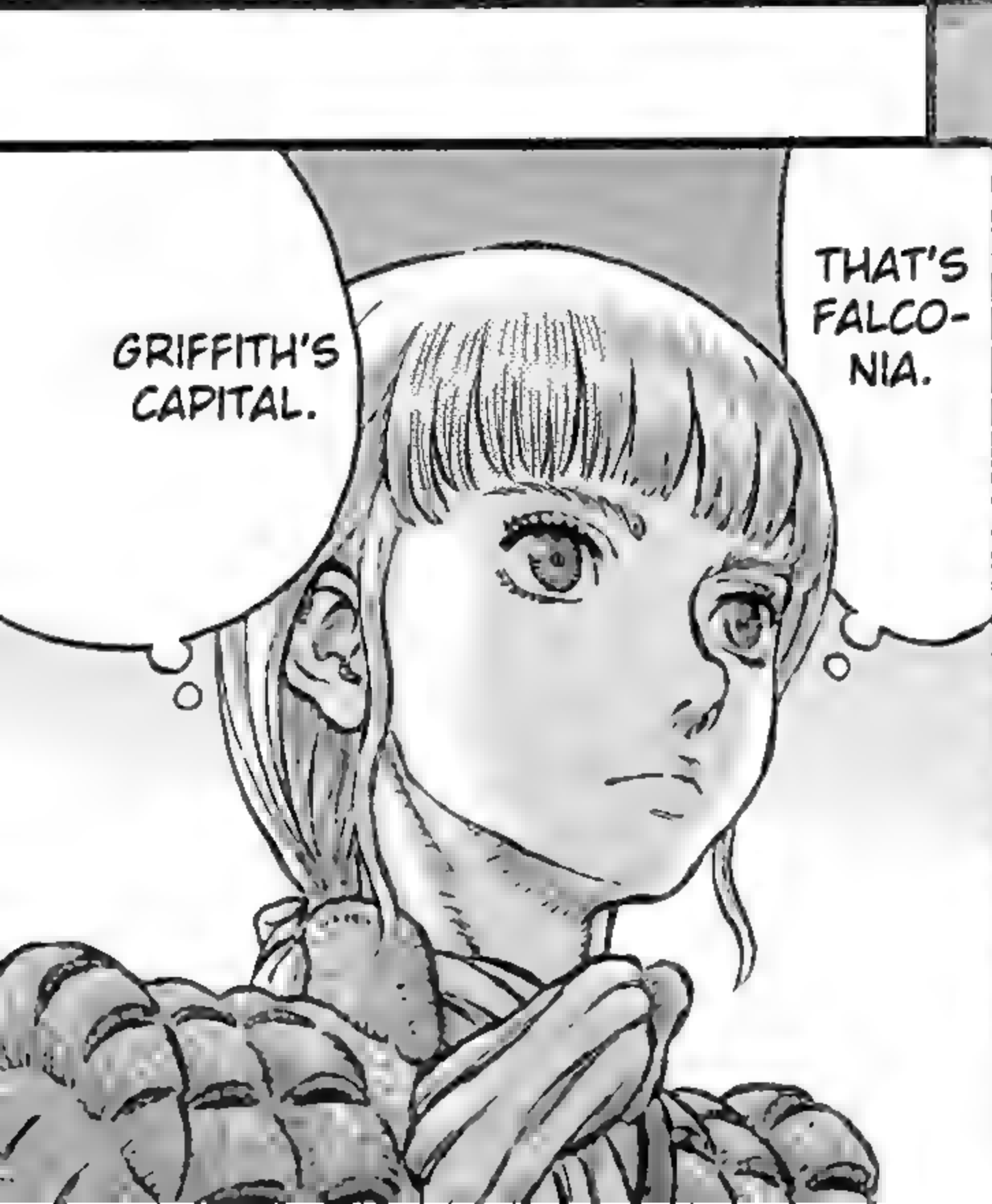


AND
THIS
ENERGY.



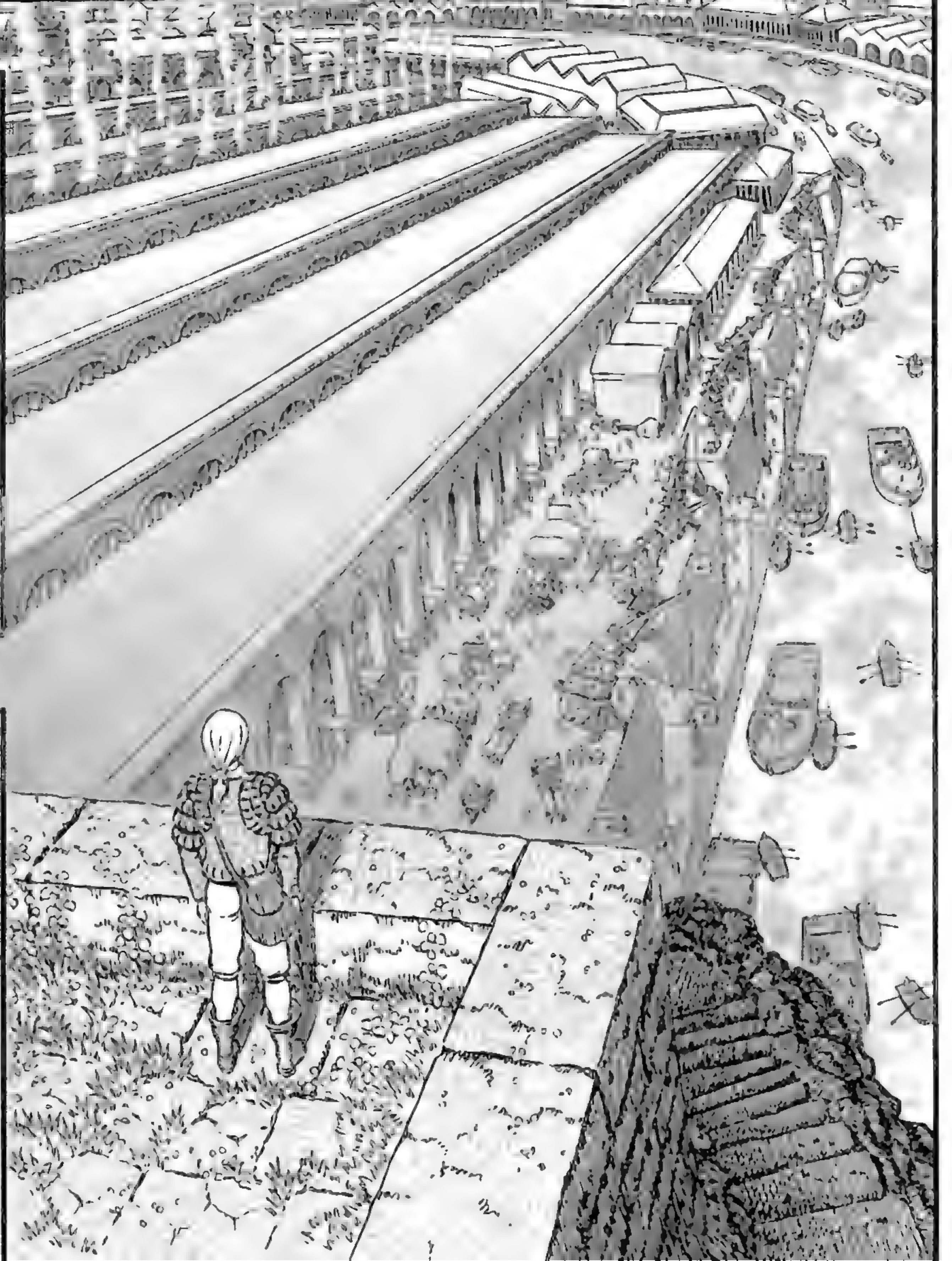
PROBABLY
EVERYONE
IN THE
CITY
IS...

ALL
WORKING
WITH A
SENSE OF
PURPOSE
AND
DUTY.



GRIFFITH'S
CAPITAL.

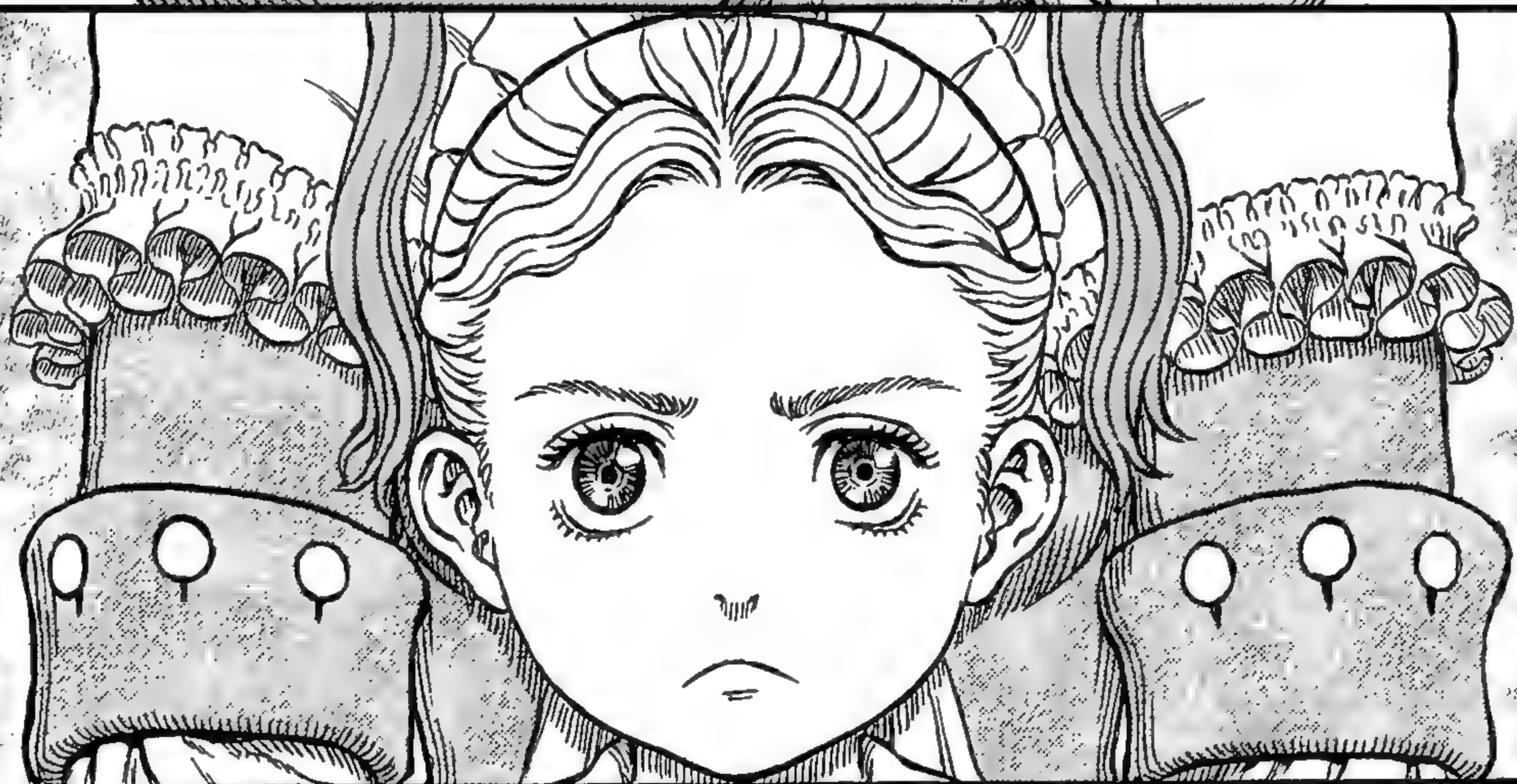
THAT'S
FALCO-
NIA.





PEOPLE
NEARBY,
PEOPLE
GONE FAR
AWAY.

THINGS
YOU HAVE
NOW,
THINGS
YOU'VE
LOST.



...BOTH
REGRET AND
RELUCTANCE
ARE GOING TO
FOLLOW YOU
AROUND.

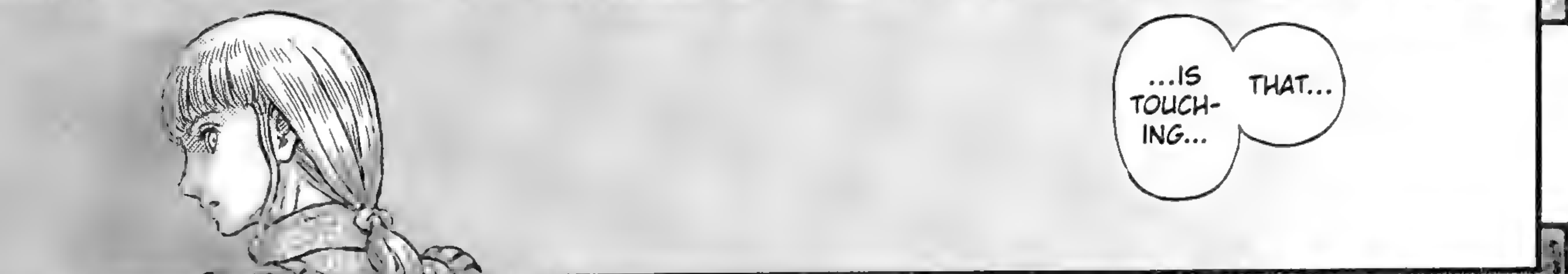
NO
MATTER
WHAT
YOU
CHOOSE...



...AFTER
ALL...

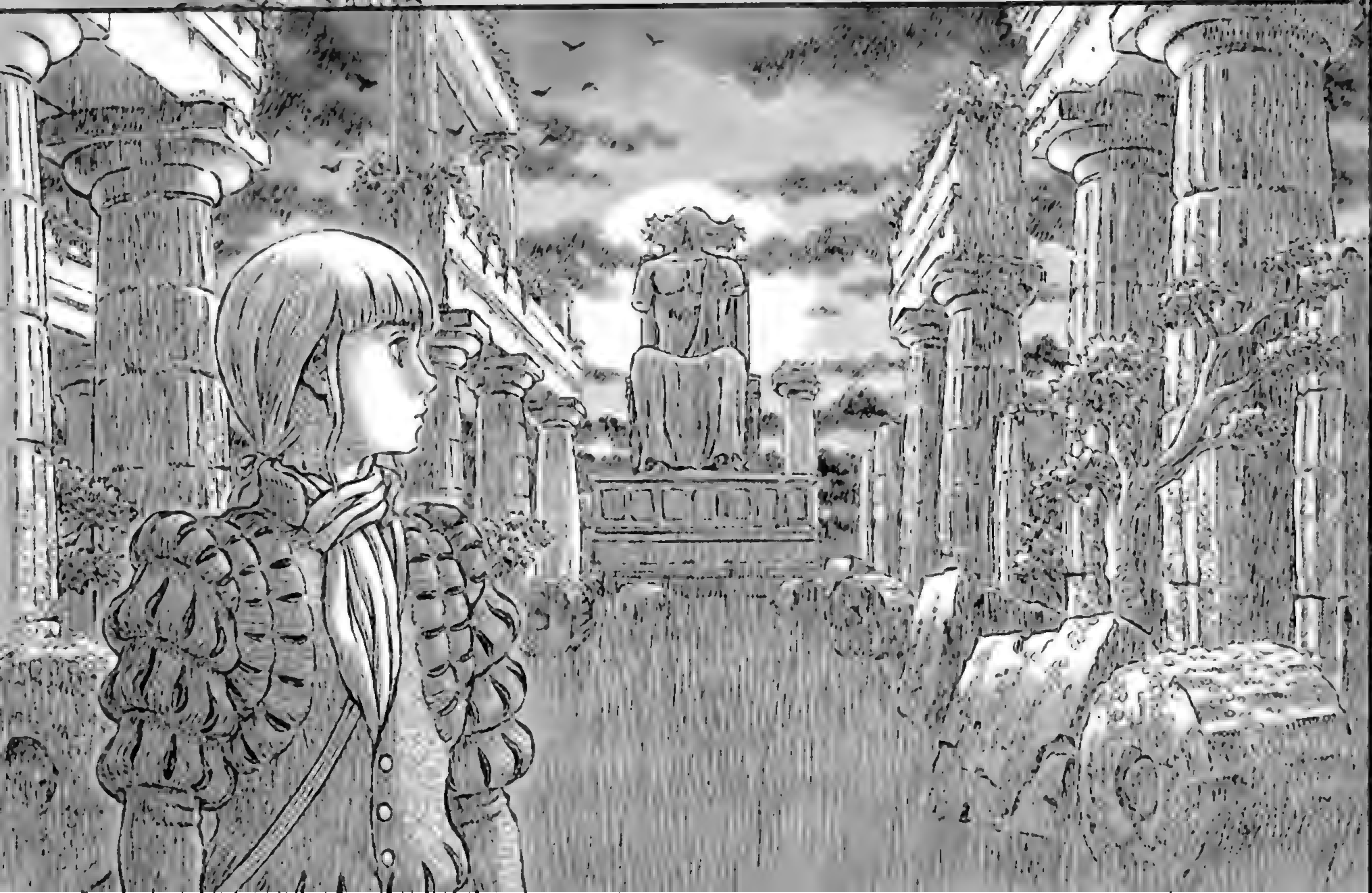
...HAVE
FAMILY...

I
DO...



...IS
TOUCH-
ING...

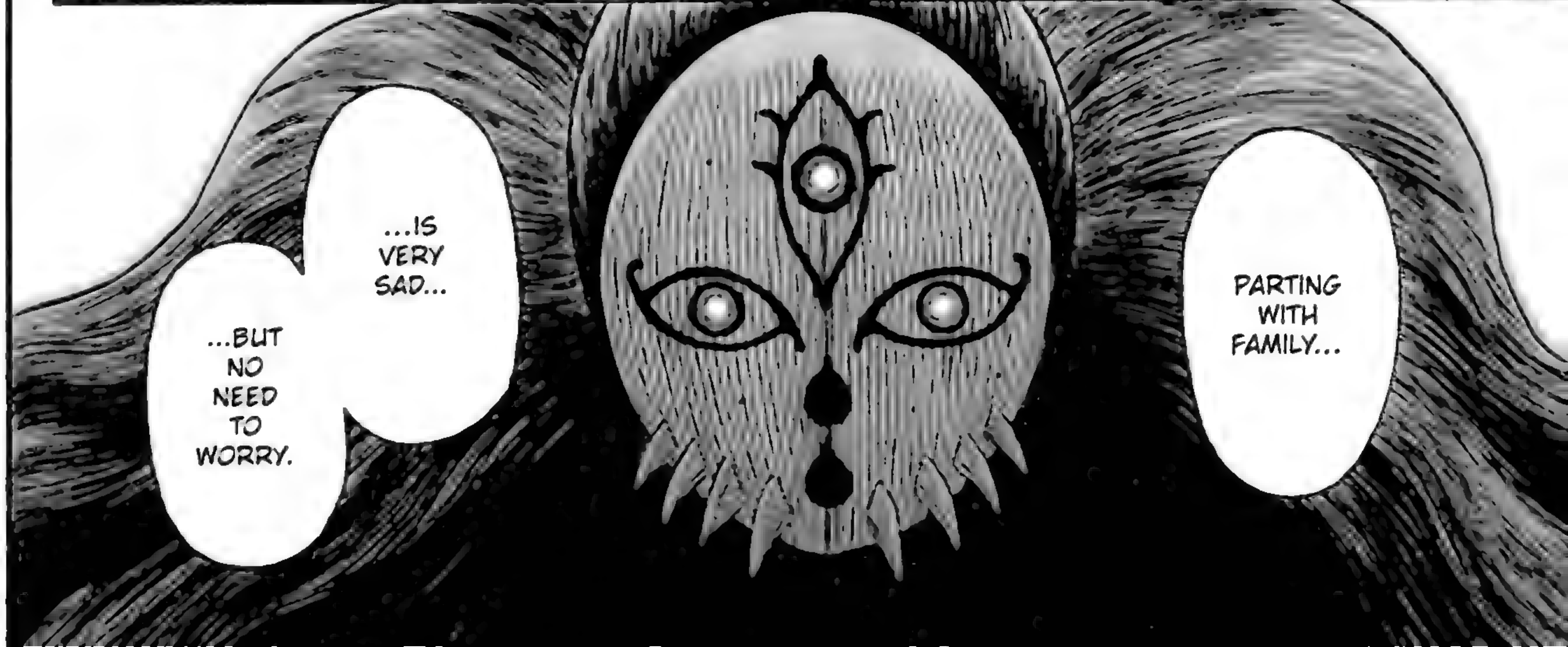
THAT...





DARK-
NESS...?

.....



...BUT
NO
NEED
TO
WORRY.

...IS
VERY
SAD...

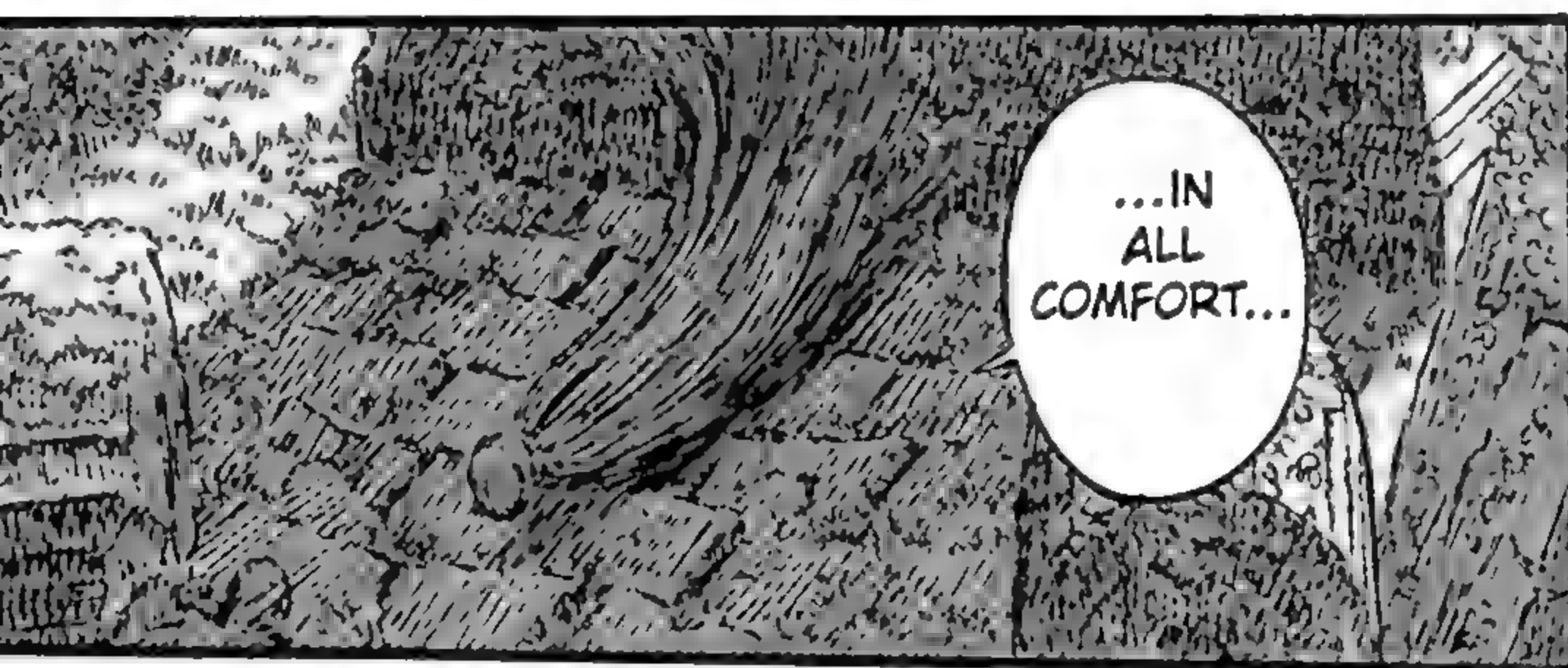
PARTING
WITH
FAMILY...



...IN THIS CITY...

ZHFF

...YOUR FAMILY CAN LIVE ON...



...IN ALL COMFORT...



EVEN IF YOU'RE GONE...

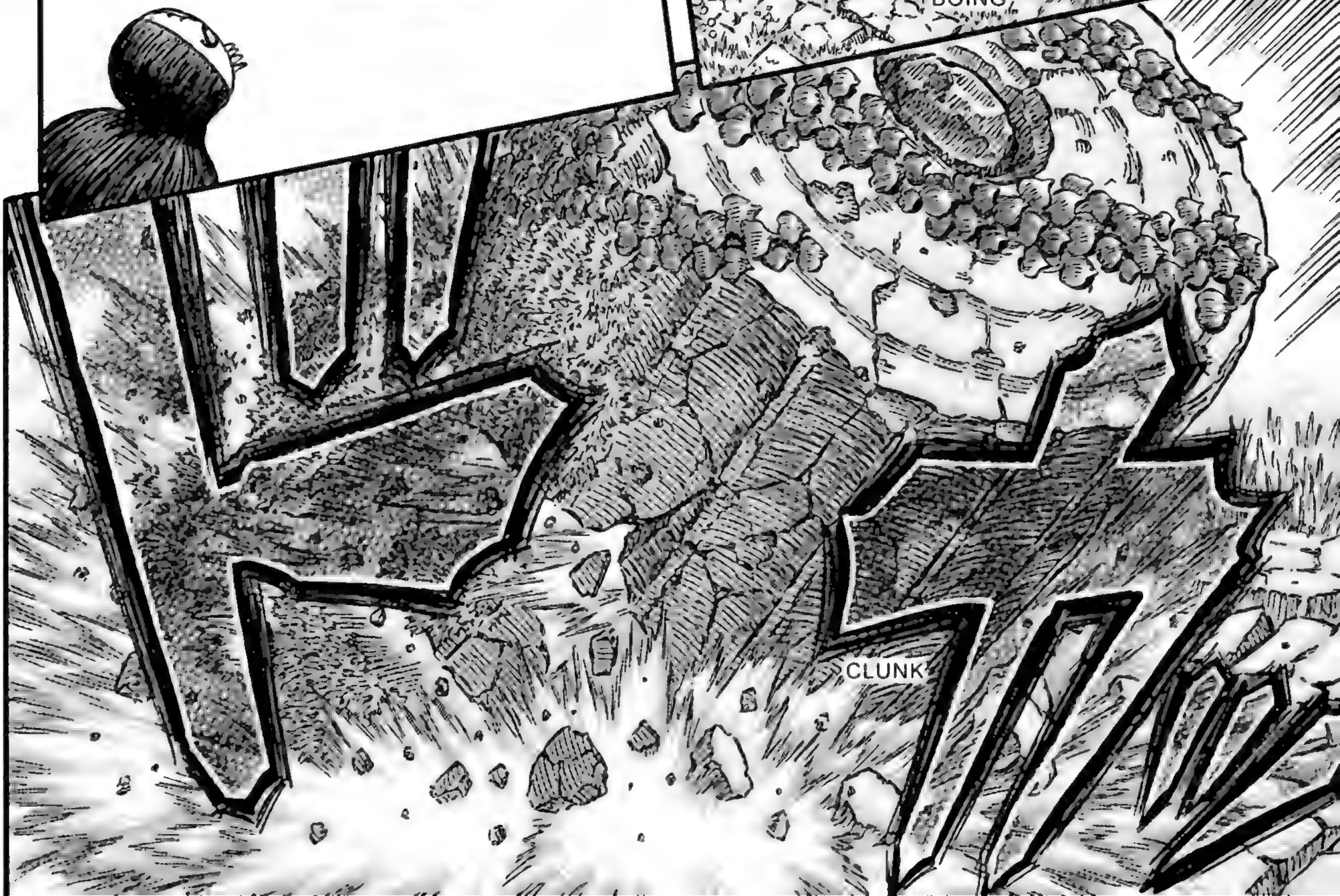


...UNDER THE HAWK'S PROTECTION.



DIE NOW...

...FREE OF CONCERN.





...THIS
MAN KNOWS
SOME
SECRET
ABOUT THE
HAWK.

IS THE
ORDER
FROM THE
HAWK
HIMSELF?

OR
DID THAT
KNIGHT
LOCUS PUT
YOU UP
TO THIS?

SHLLLM

EITHER
WAY,
I CAN
SEE...

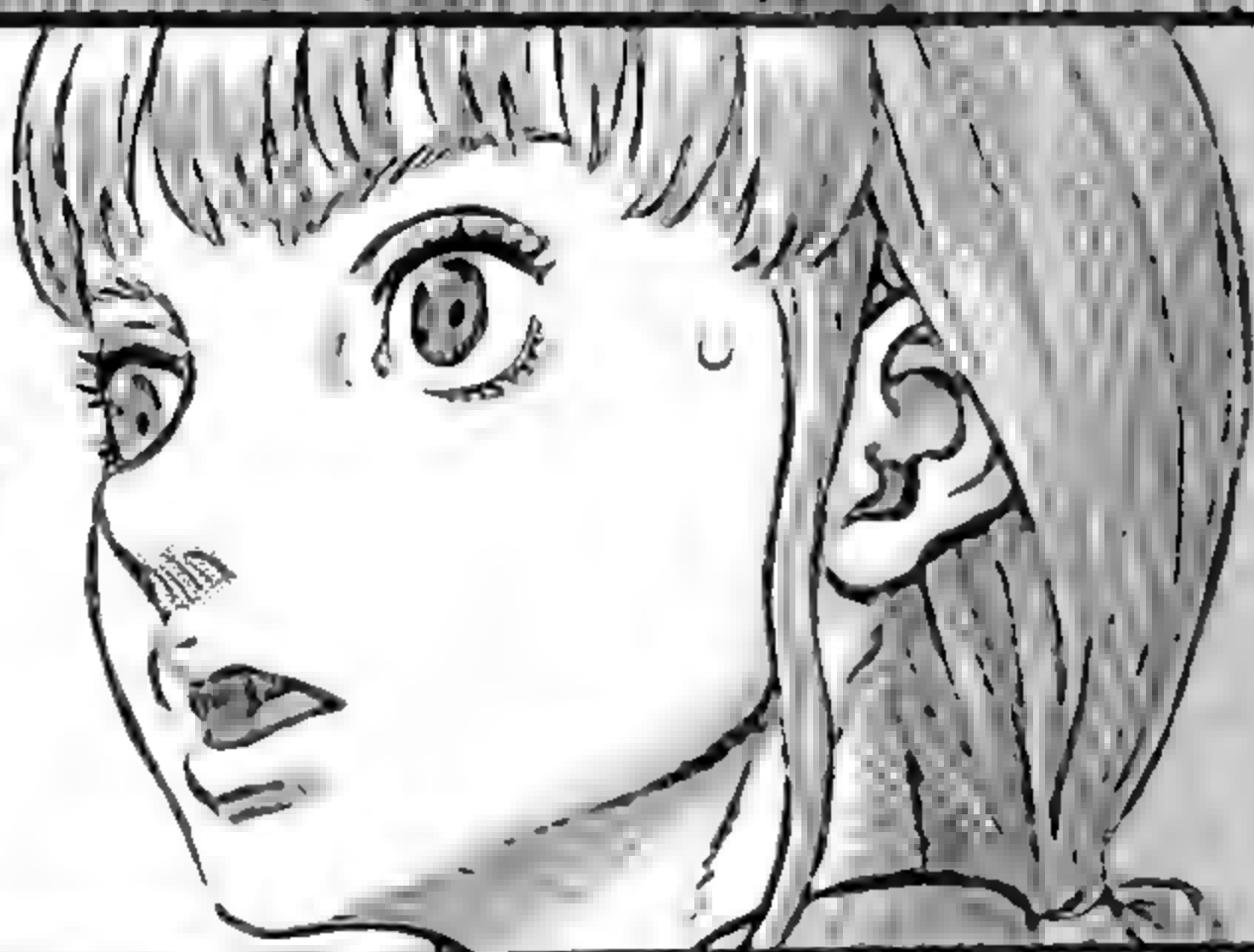
幻造世界ファンタジア／篇／妖精島の章

月下の王都

ROYAL CAPITAL IN
THE MOONLIGHT



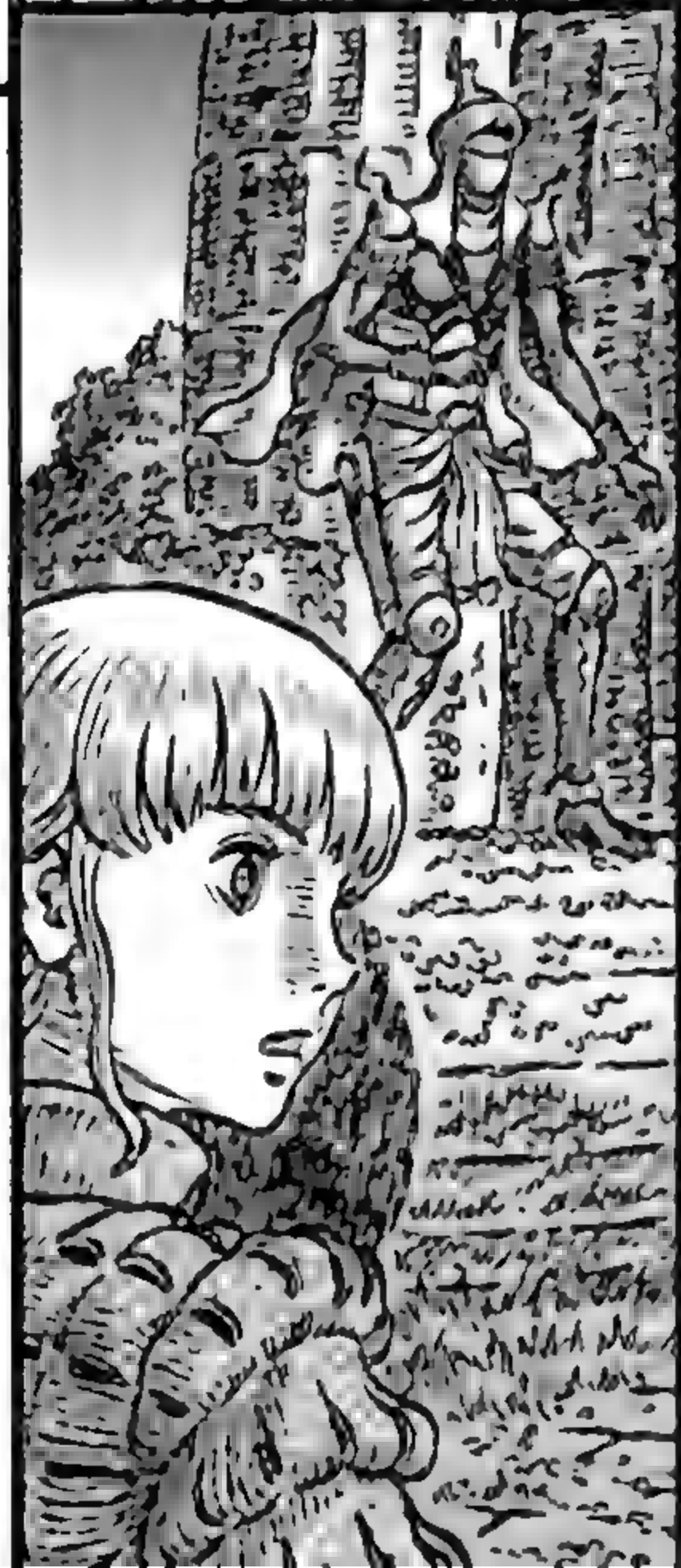
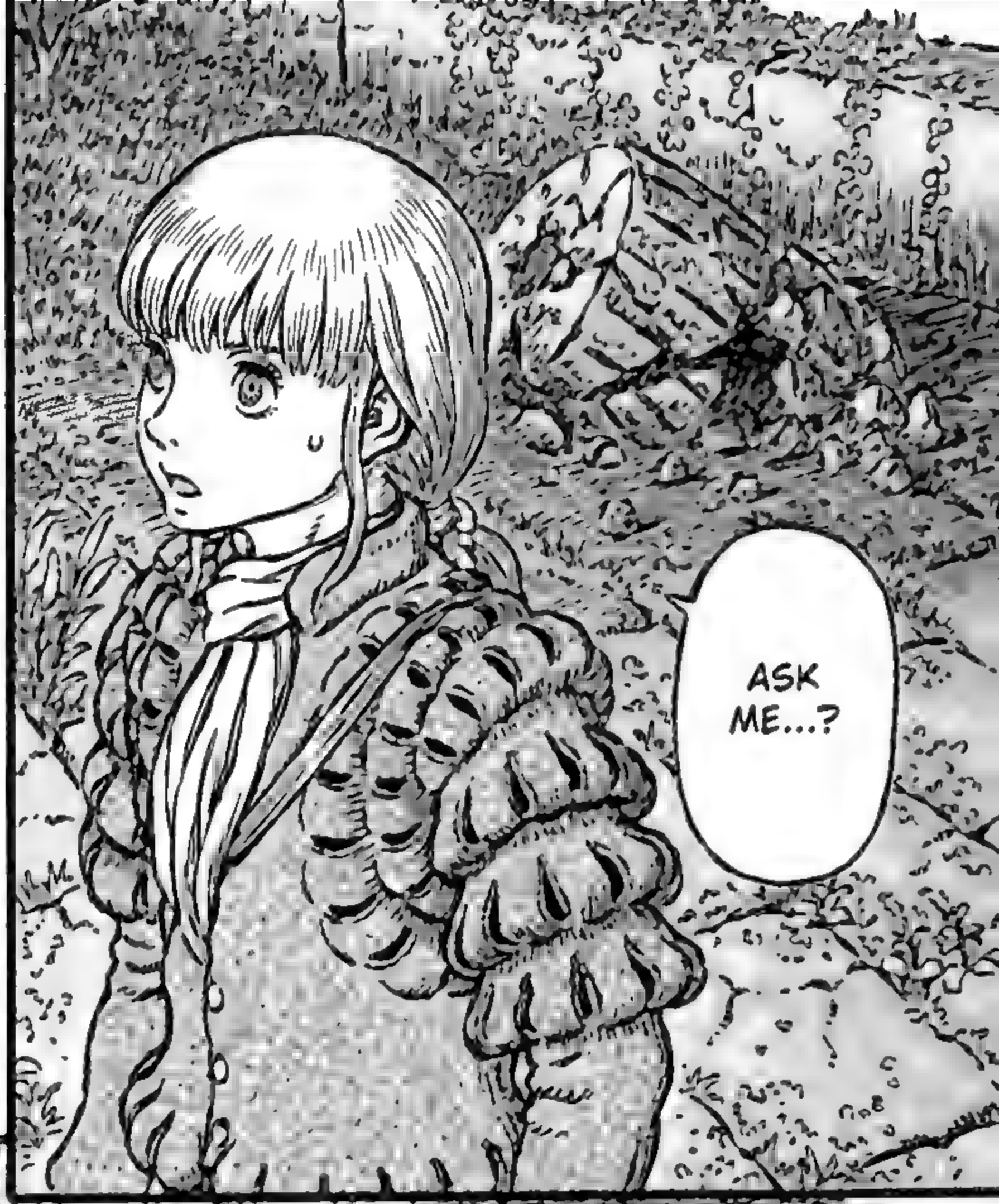
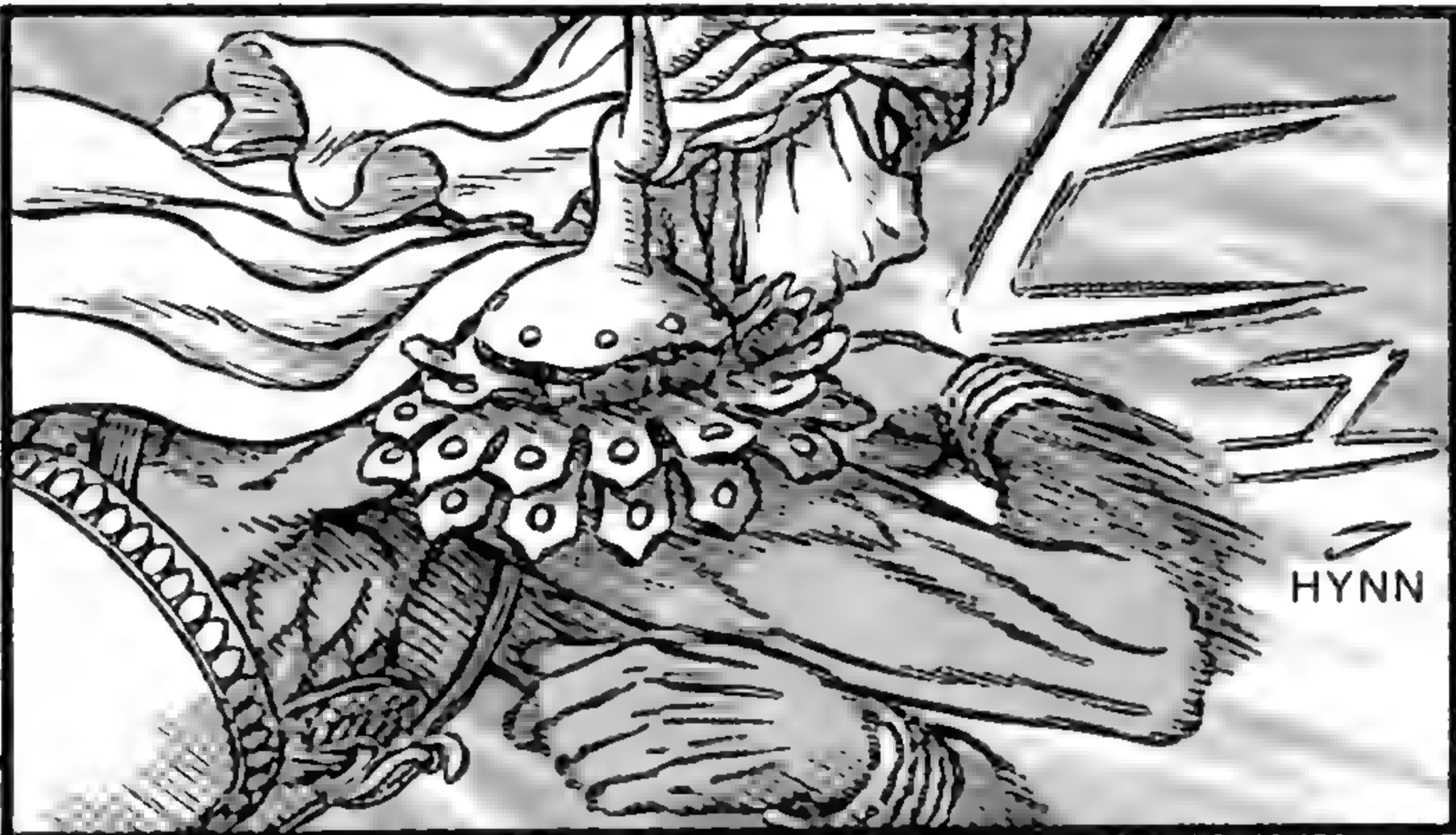
WH-
WHAT
THE HELL
IS...



IN
EXCHANGE
FOR
SAVING
YOUR
LIFE...

...THERE'S
SOMETHING
I WANT
TO ASK
YOU.





...YOUNG
MASTER.

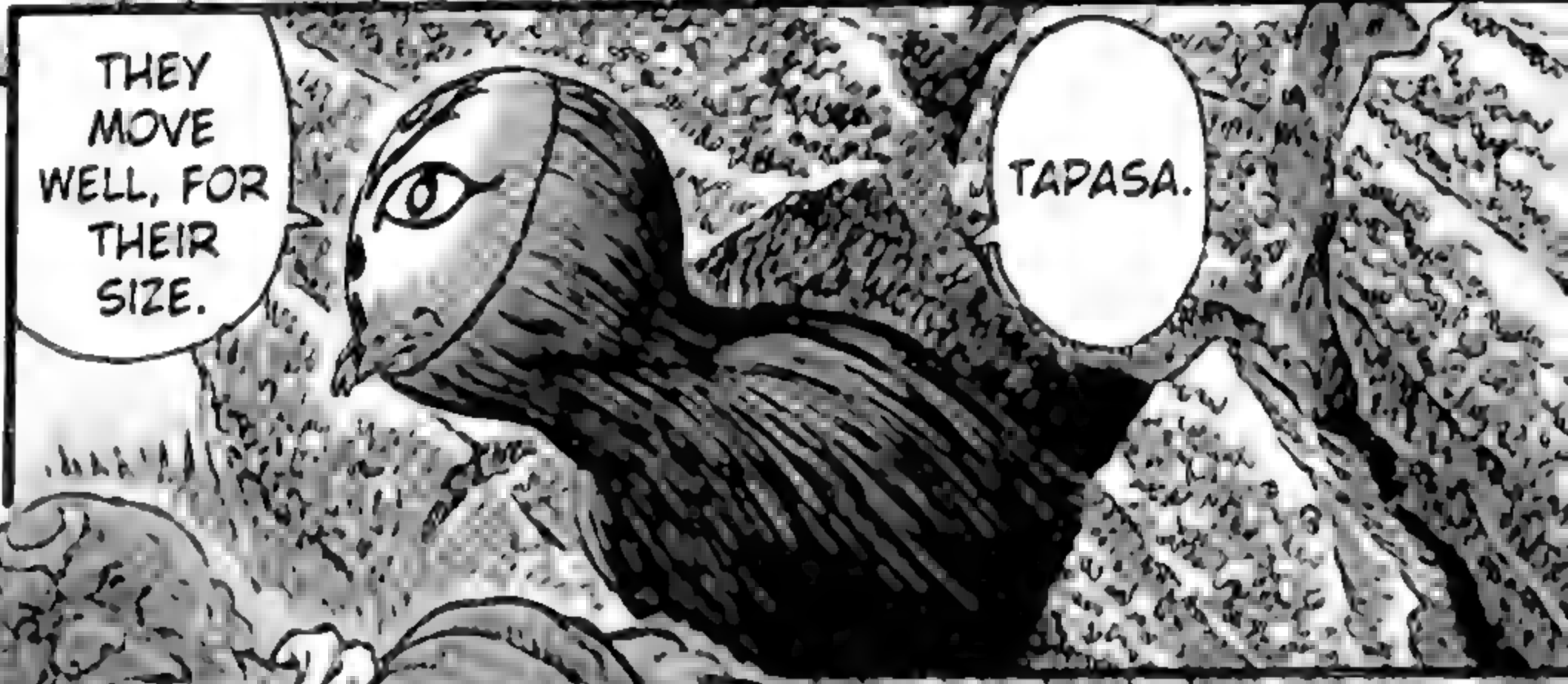
YOUR
SKILLS
HAVE
IMPROVED...

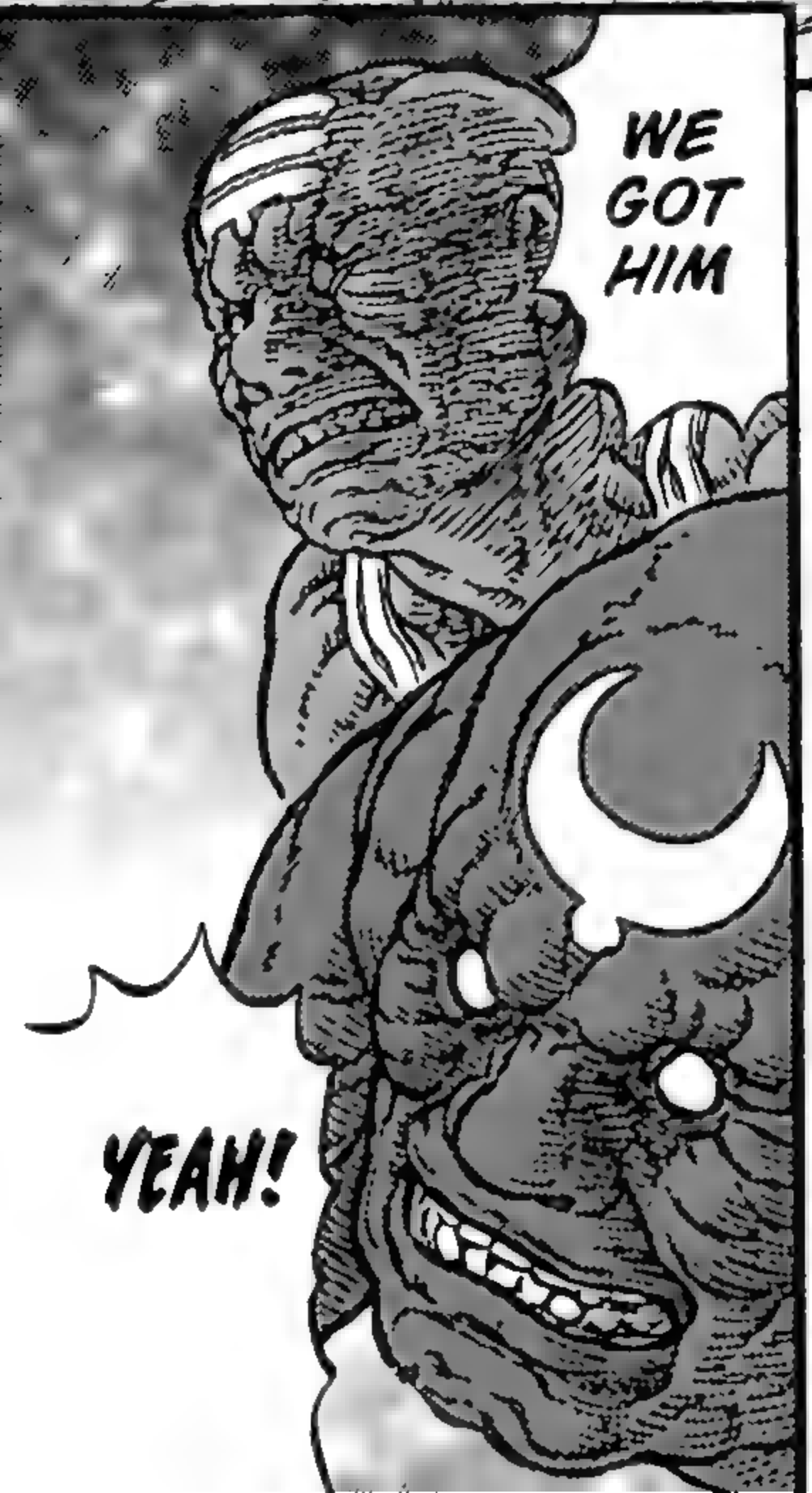
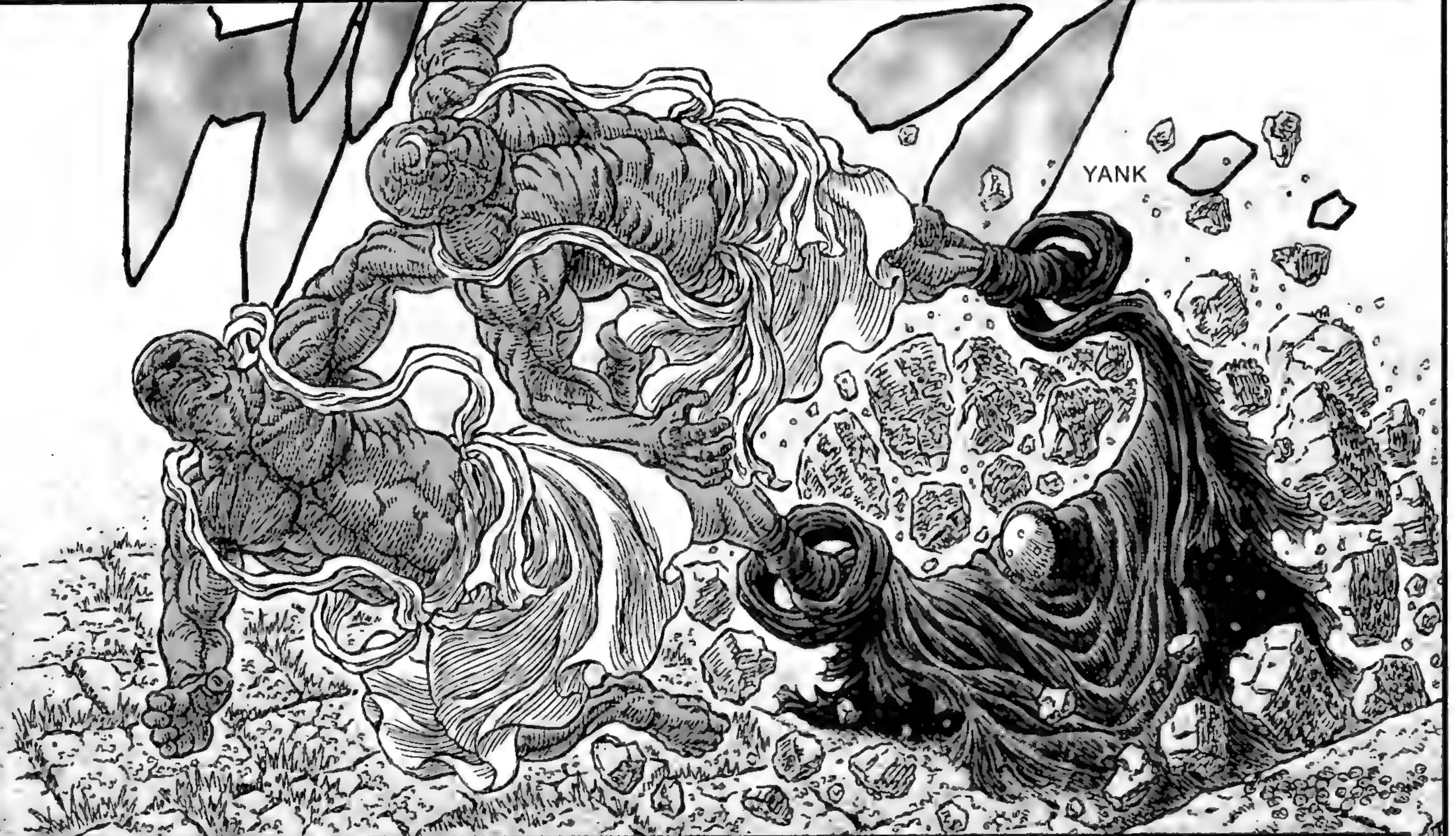
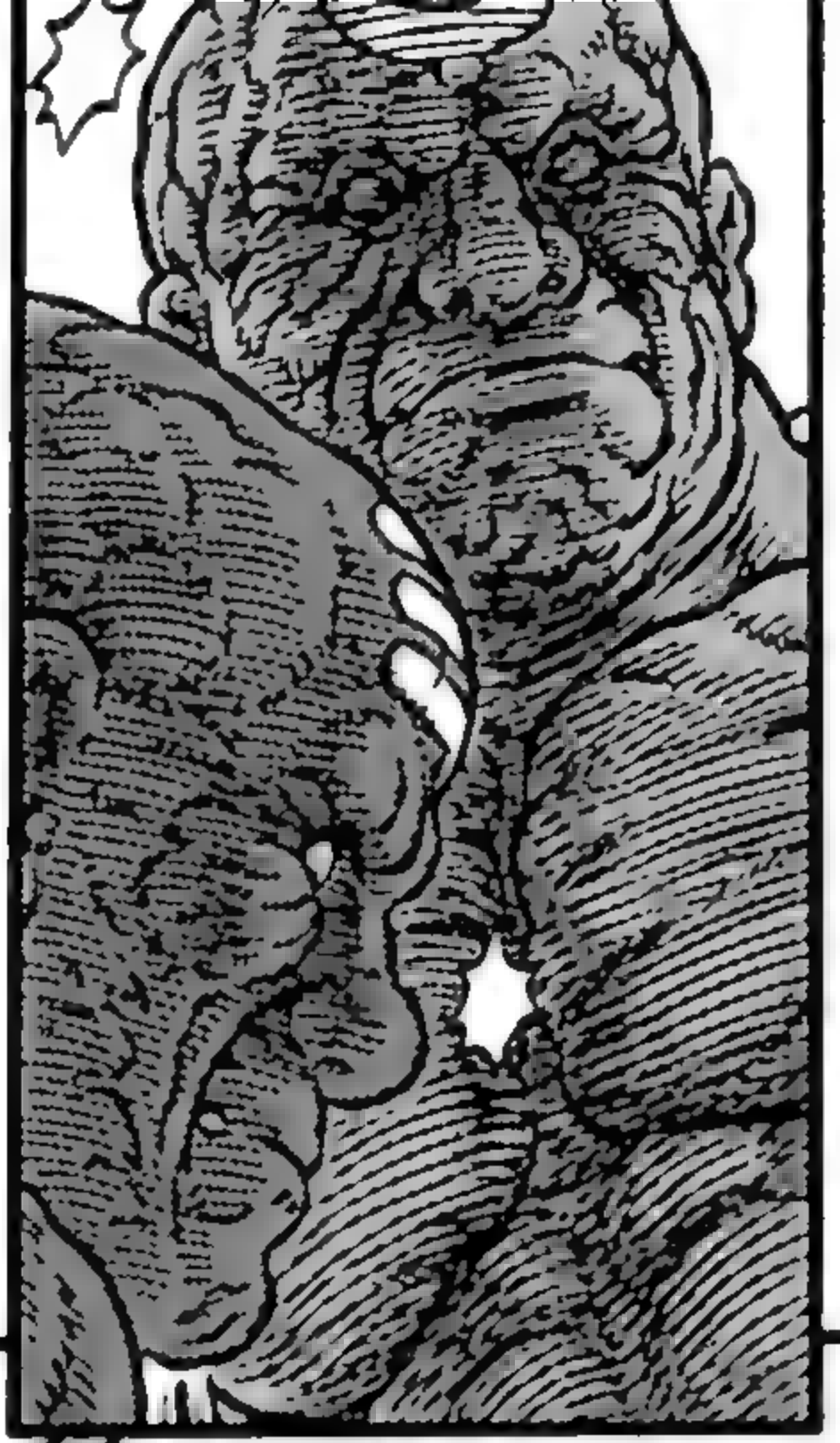
EEEEEN

SHAAA

AUGH!
...

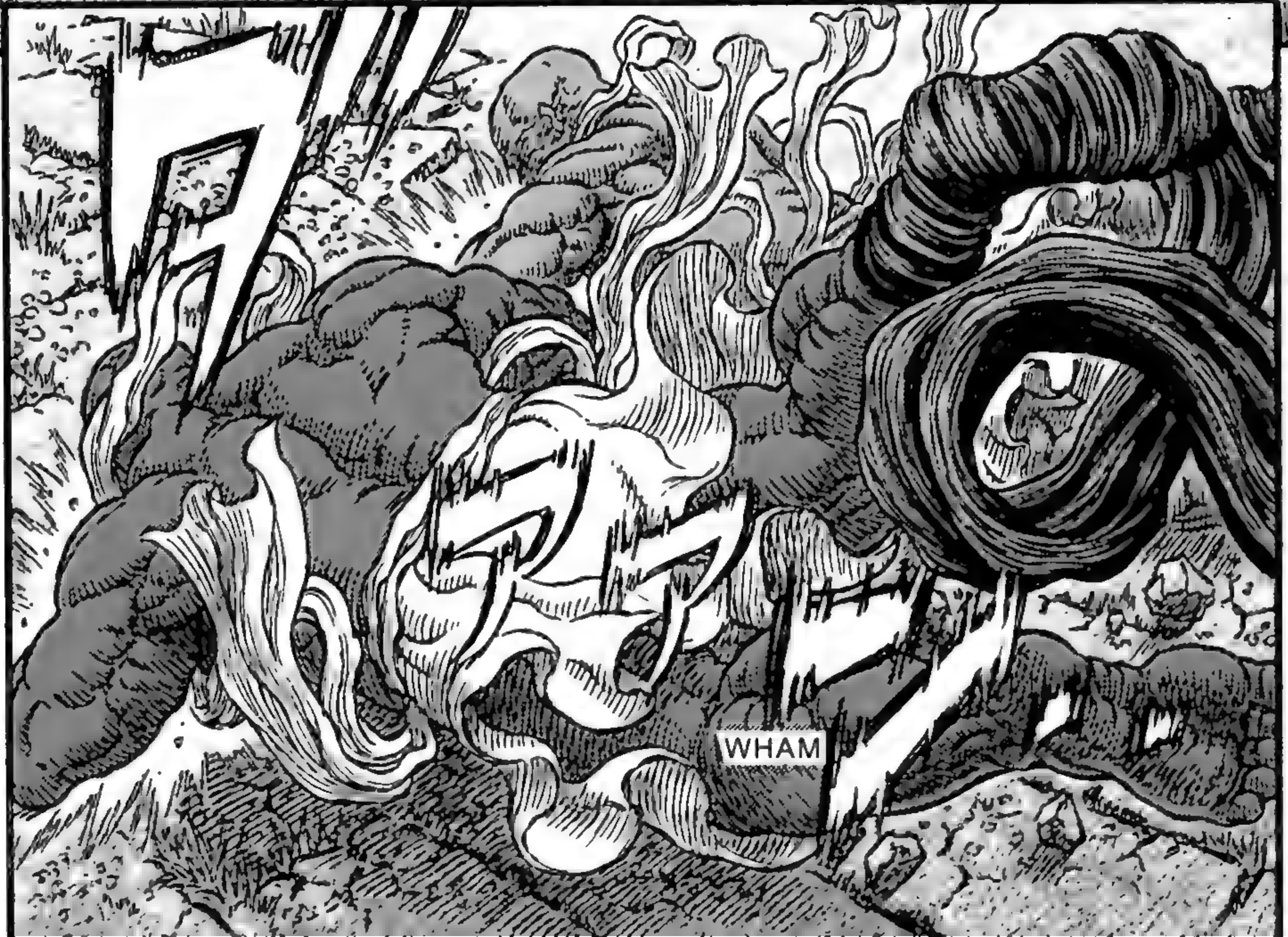
WHIP





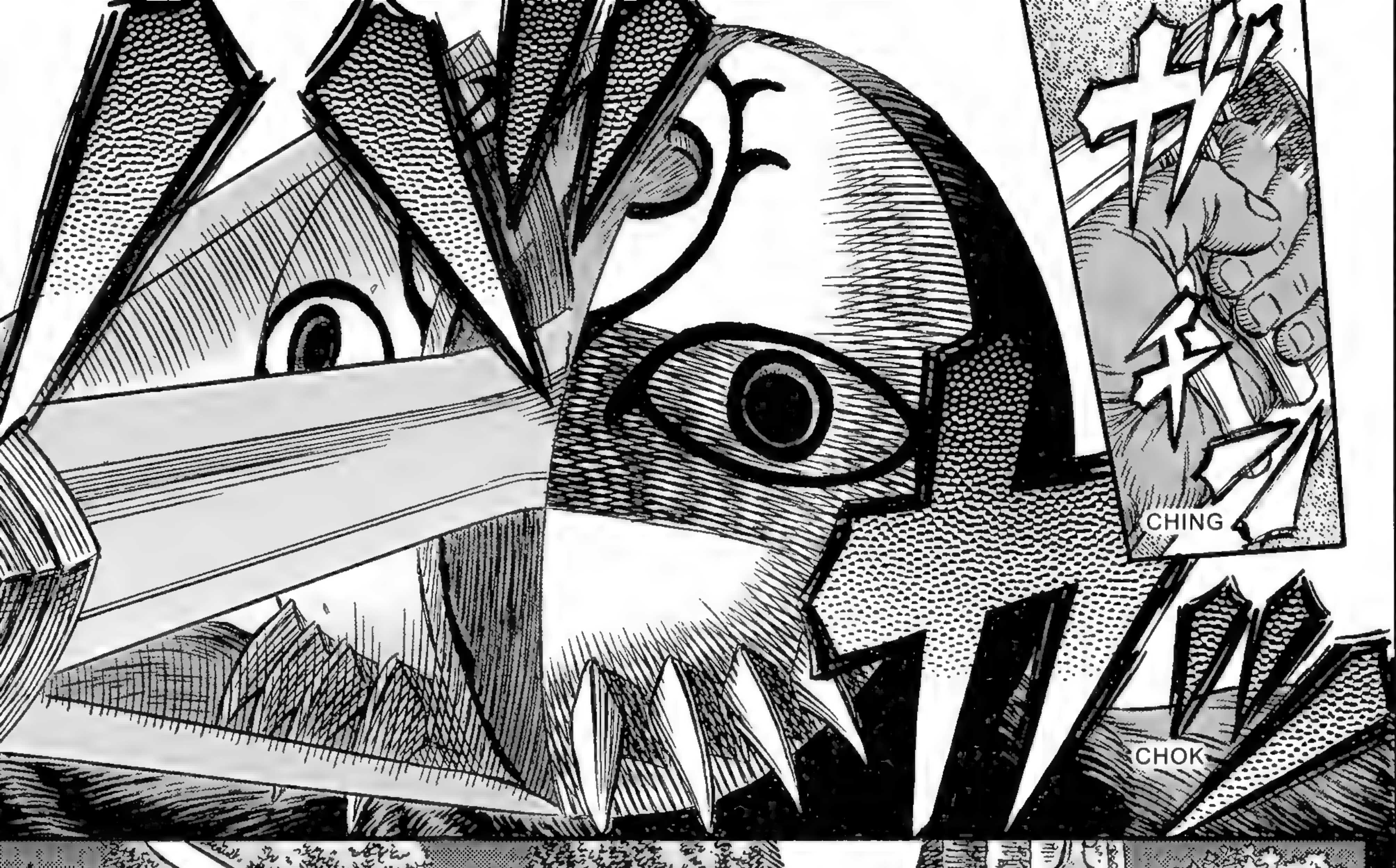
WE
GOT
HIM

YEAH!



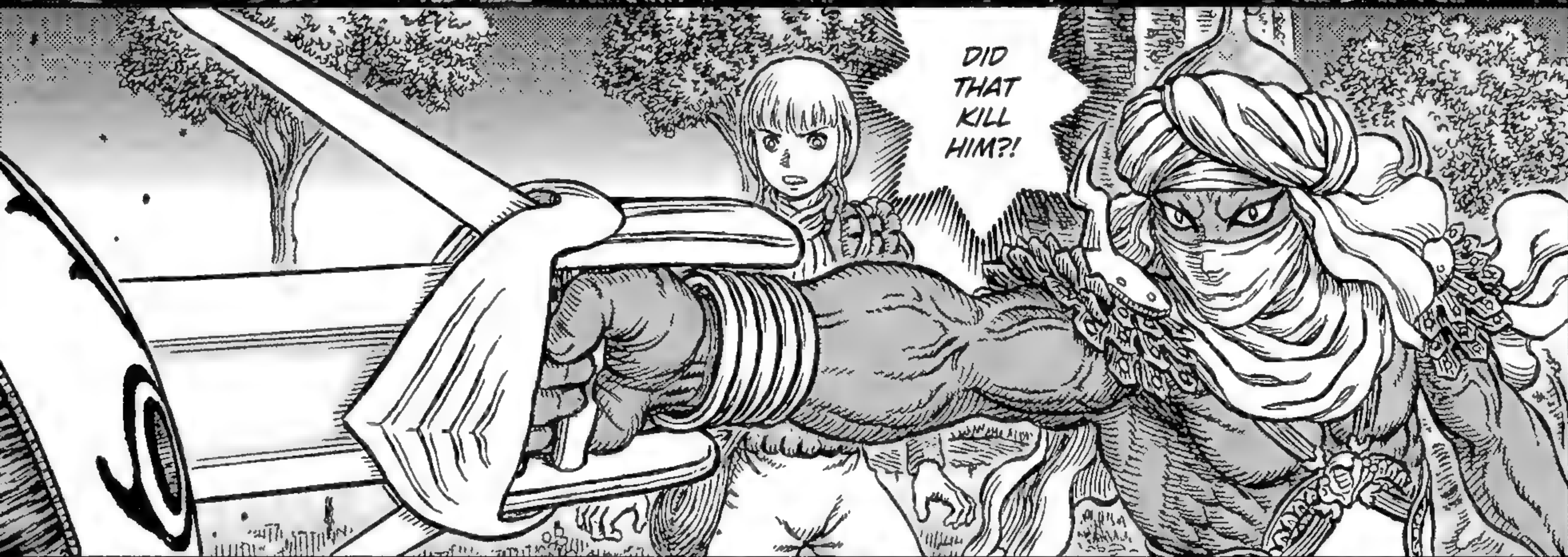
WHAM





CHING

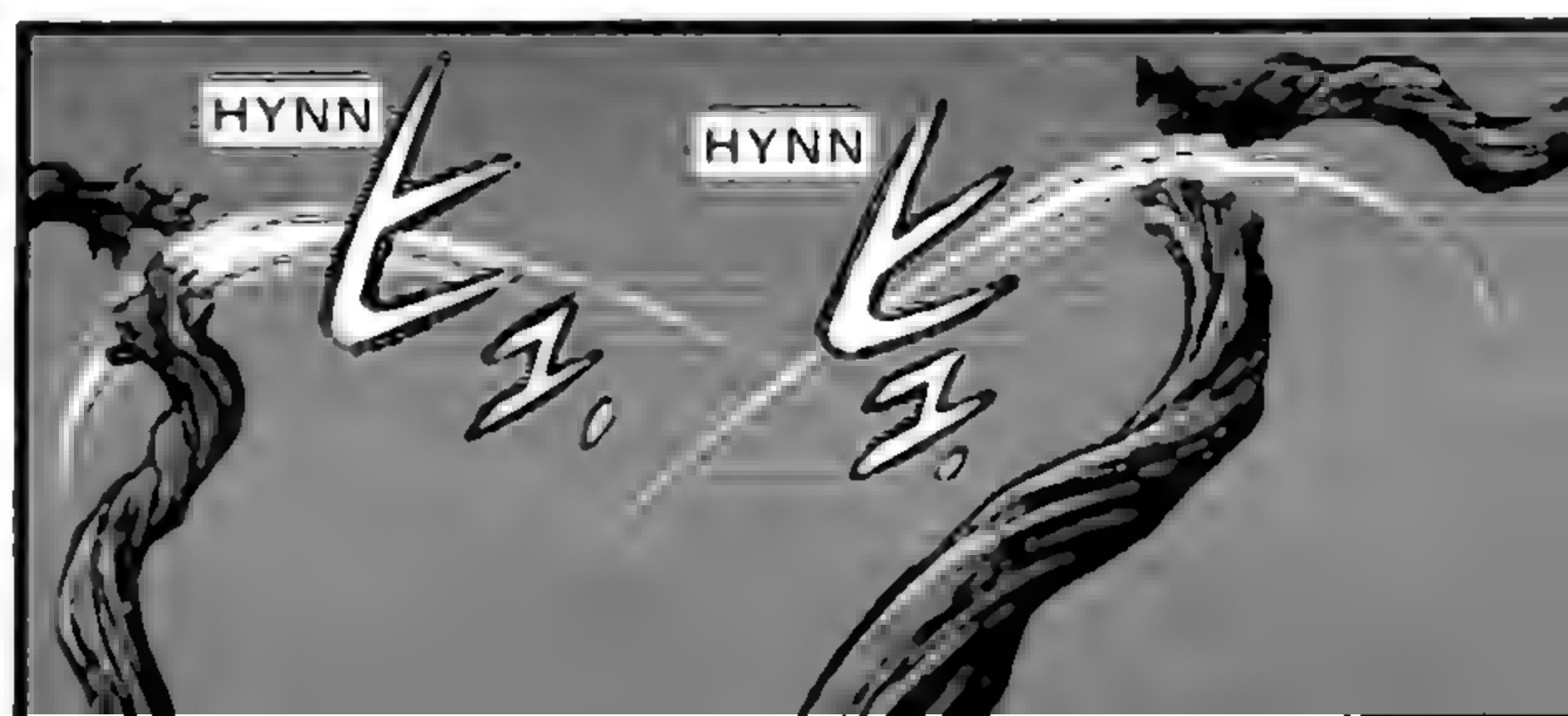
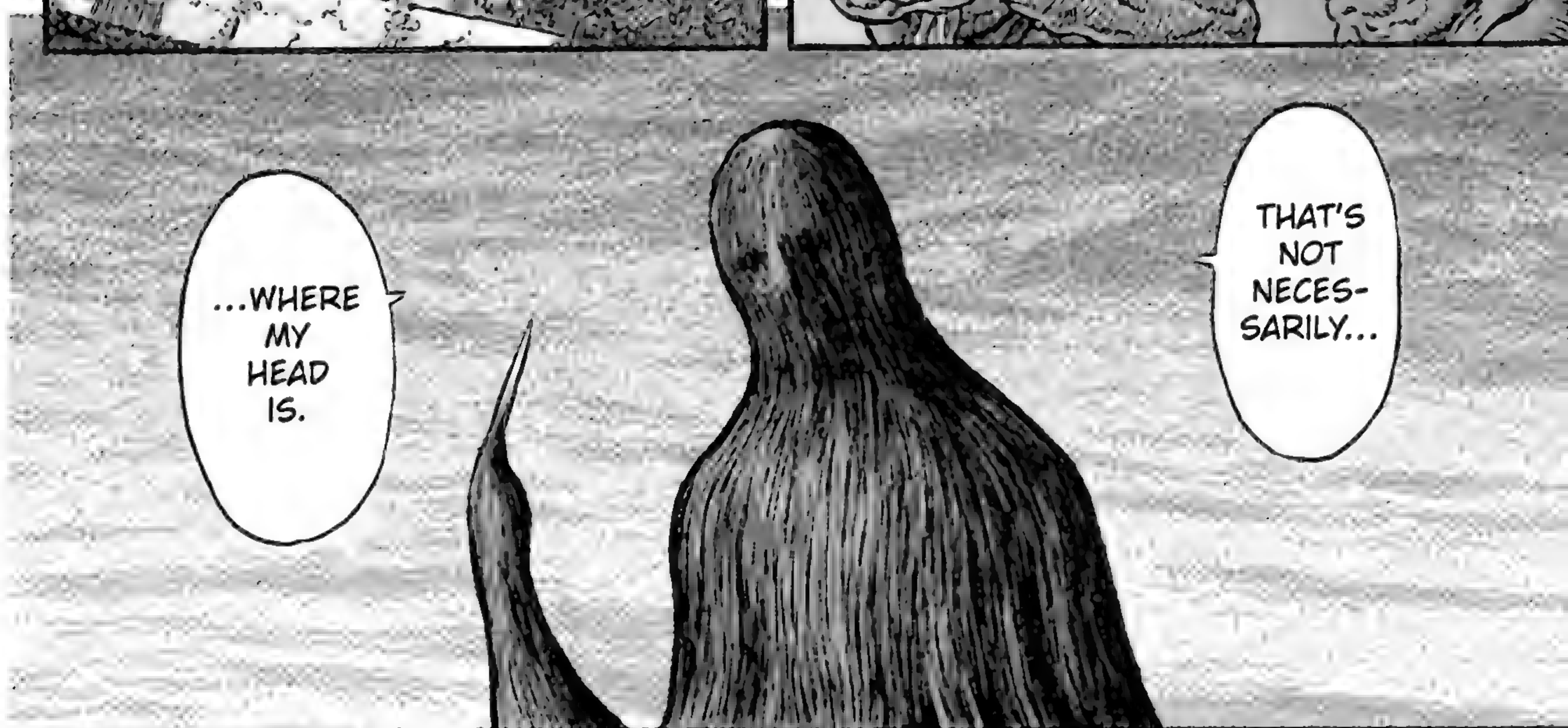
CHOK



DID
THAT
KILL
HIM?!



SHFF



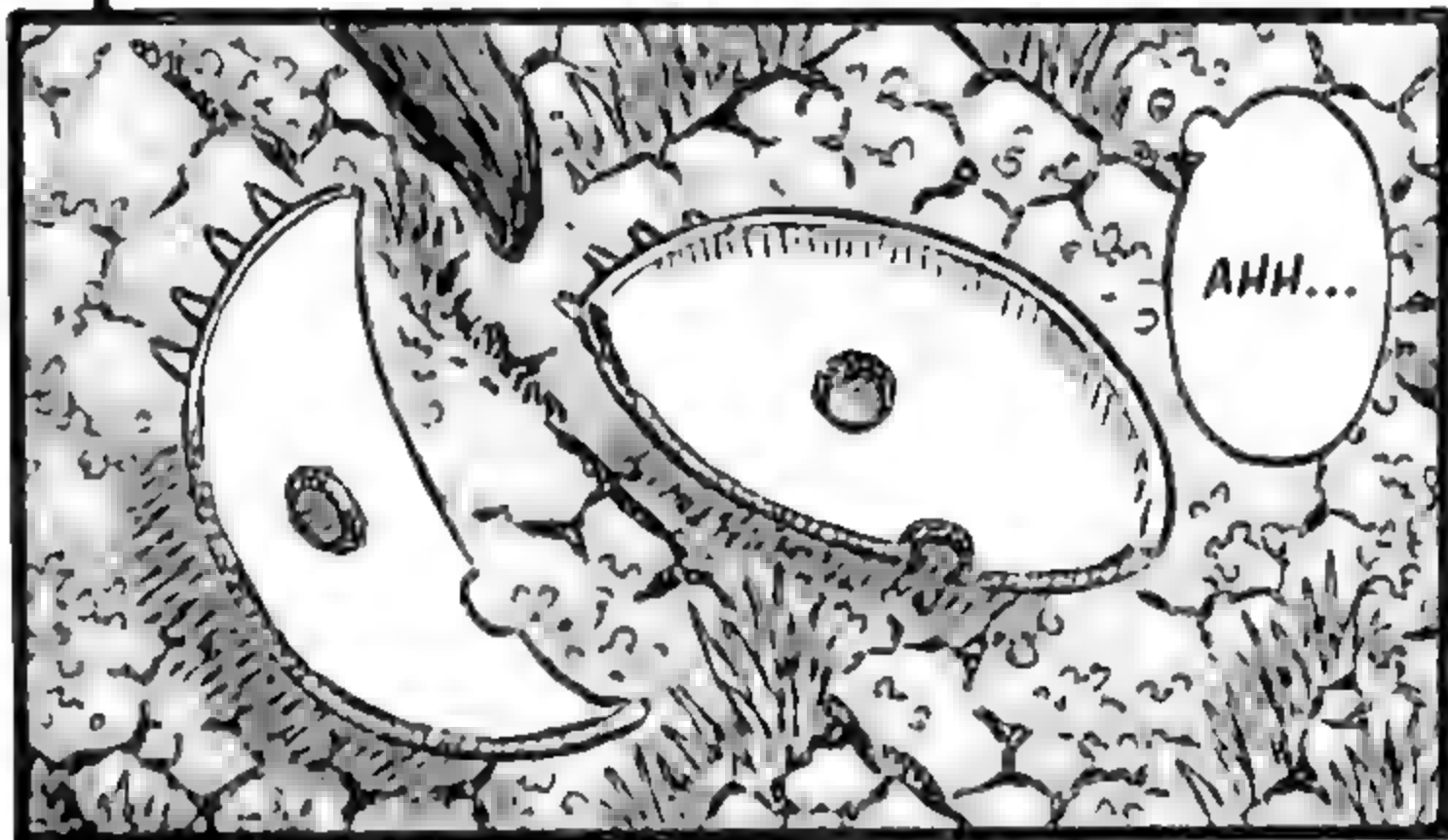


SAD...

I LIKED THIS ONE, TOO...



I'M FINE. I HAVE **THOSE** STUFFED IN HERE.



AHH...



TO-NIGHT...

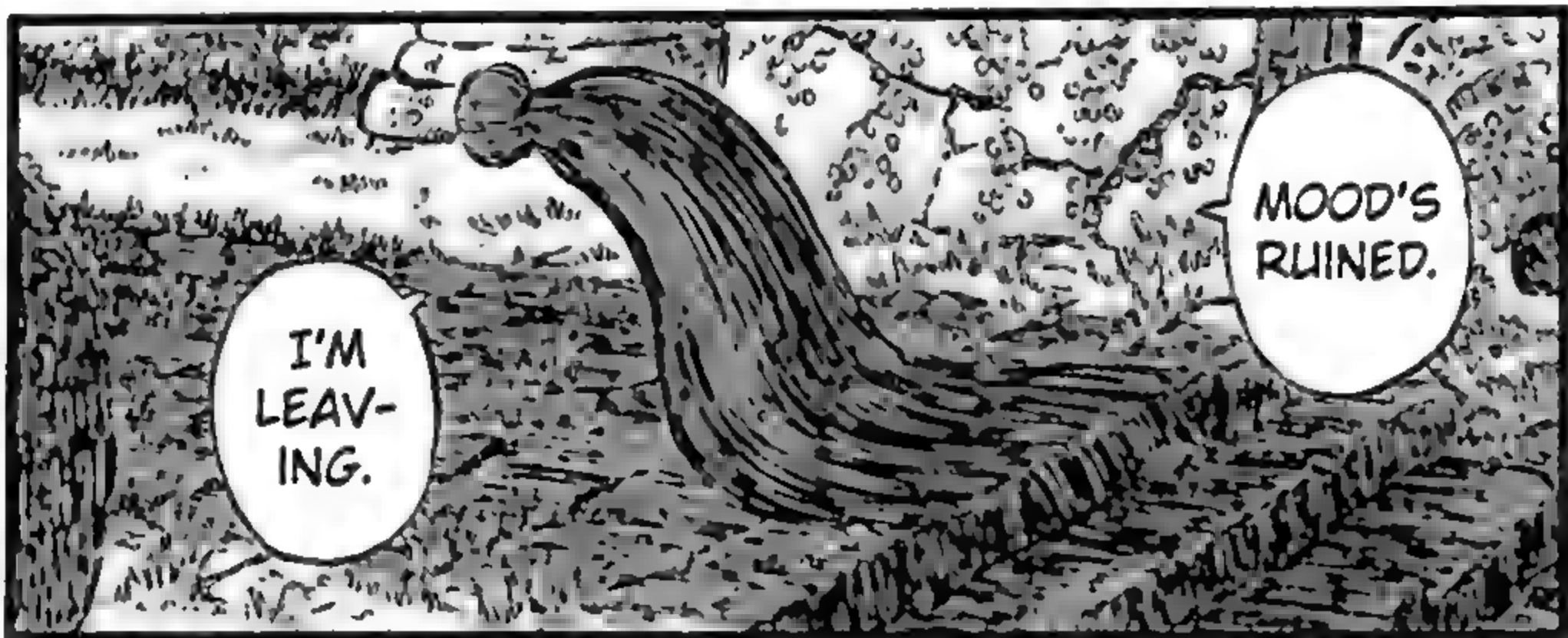
...ONCE THE MOON'S RISEN...

...I'LL COME AGAIN.



MUM

BLE



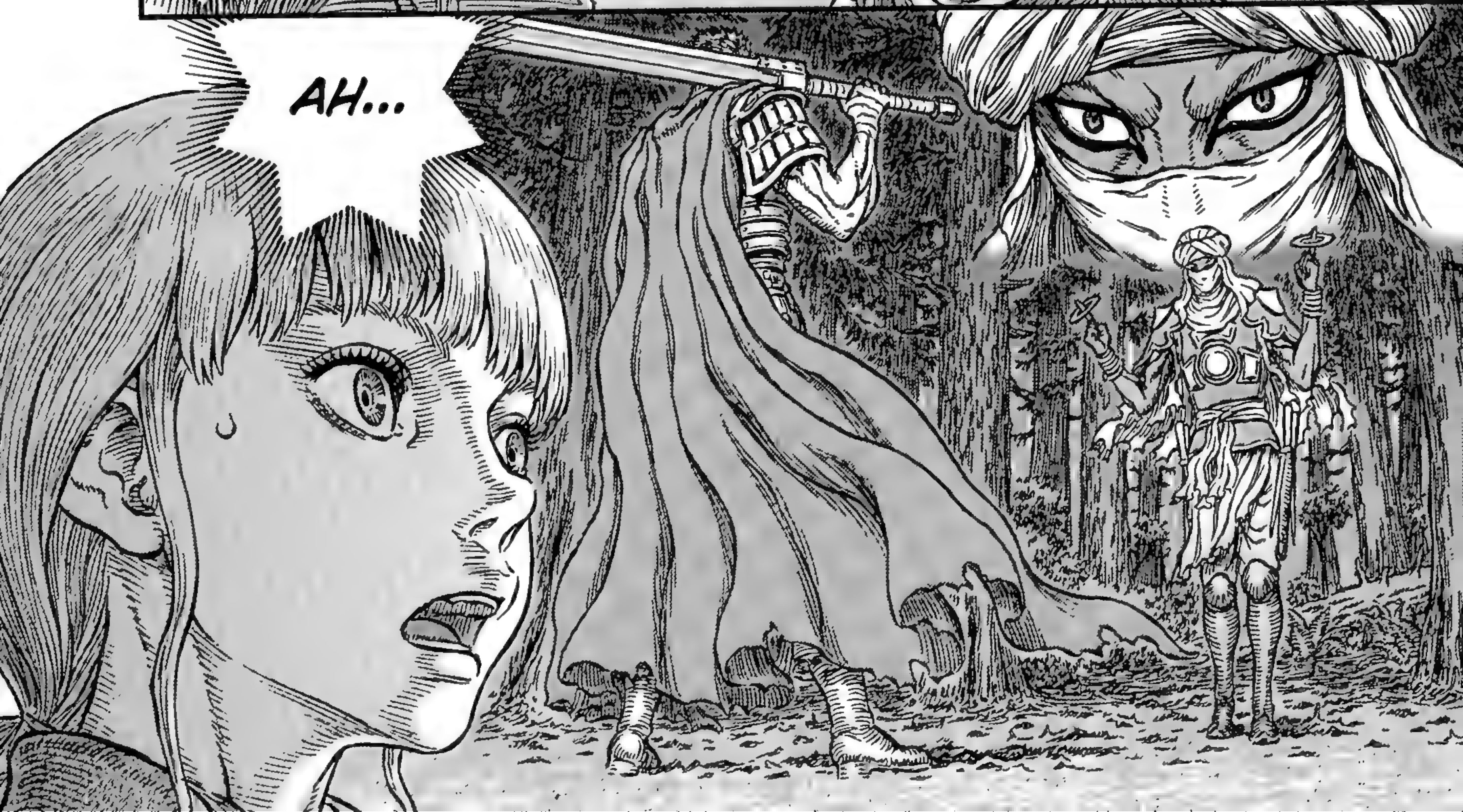
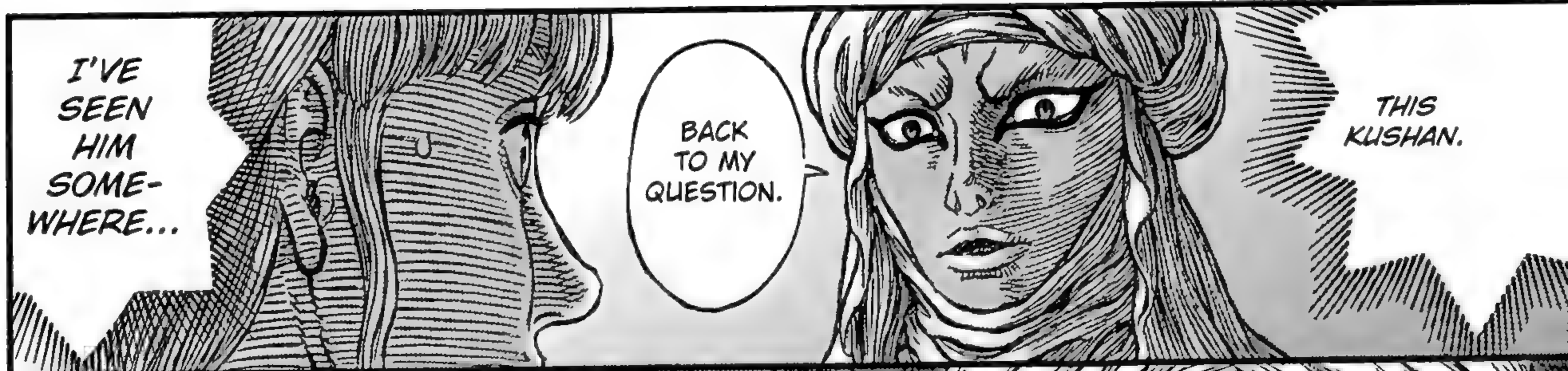
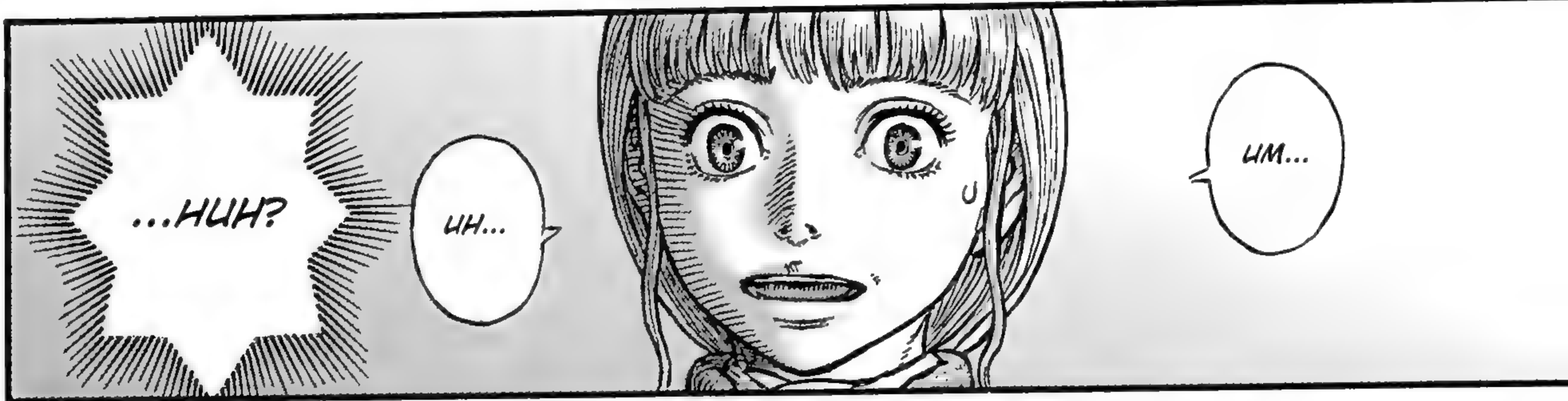
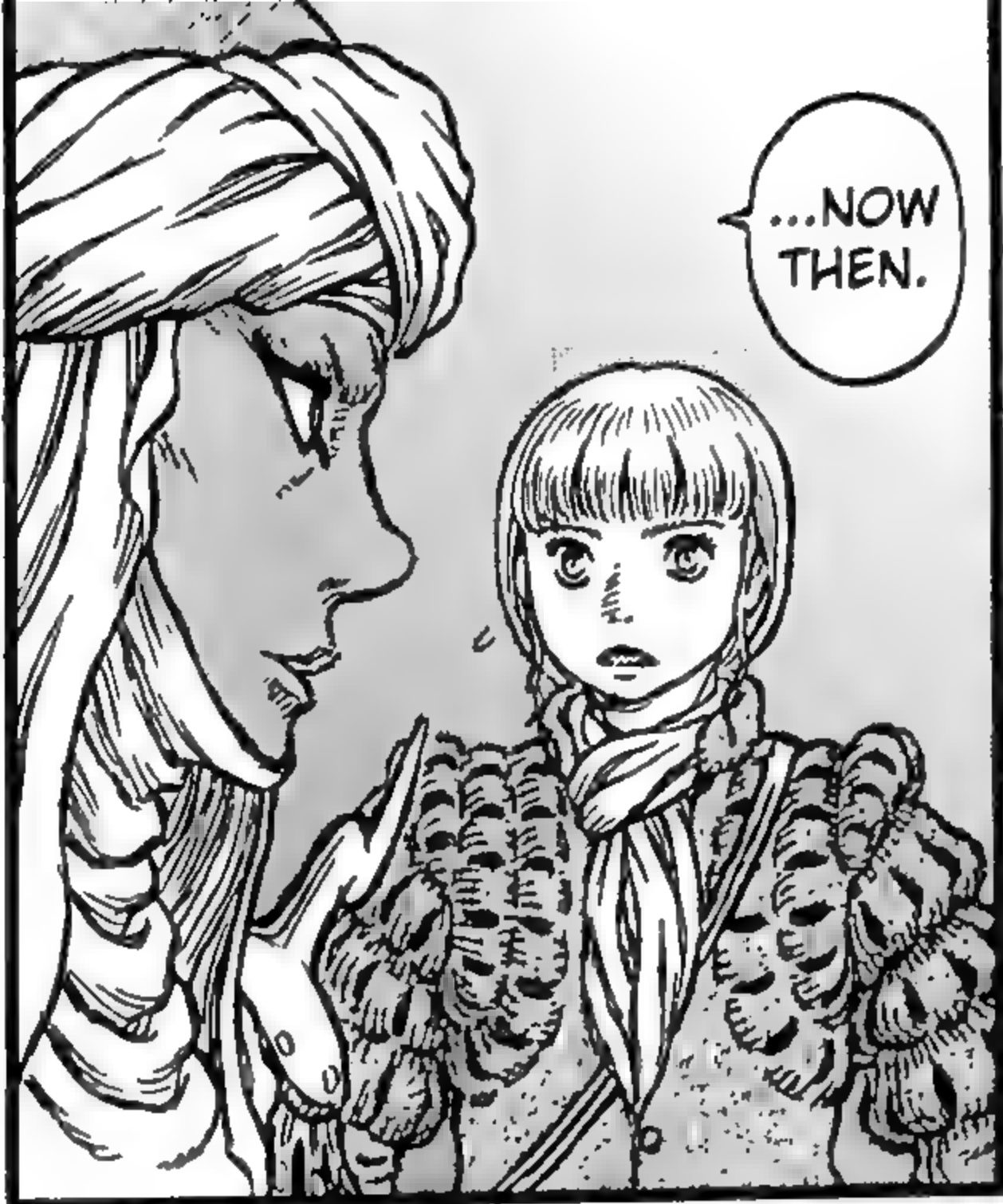
I'M LEAV-ING.

MOOD'S RUINED.



...SO BEAR WITH ME.

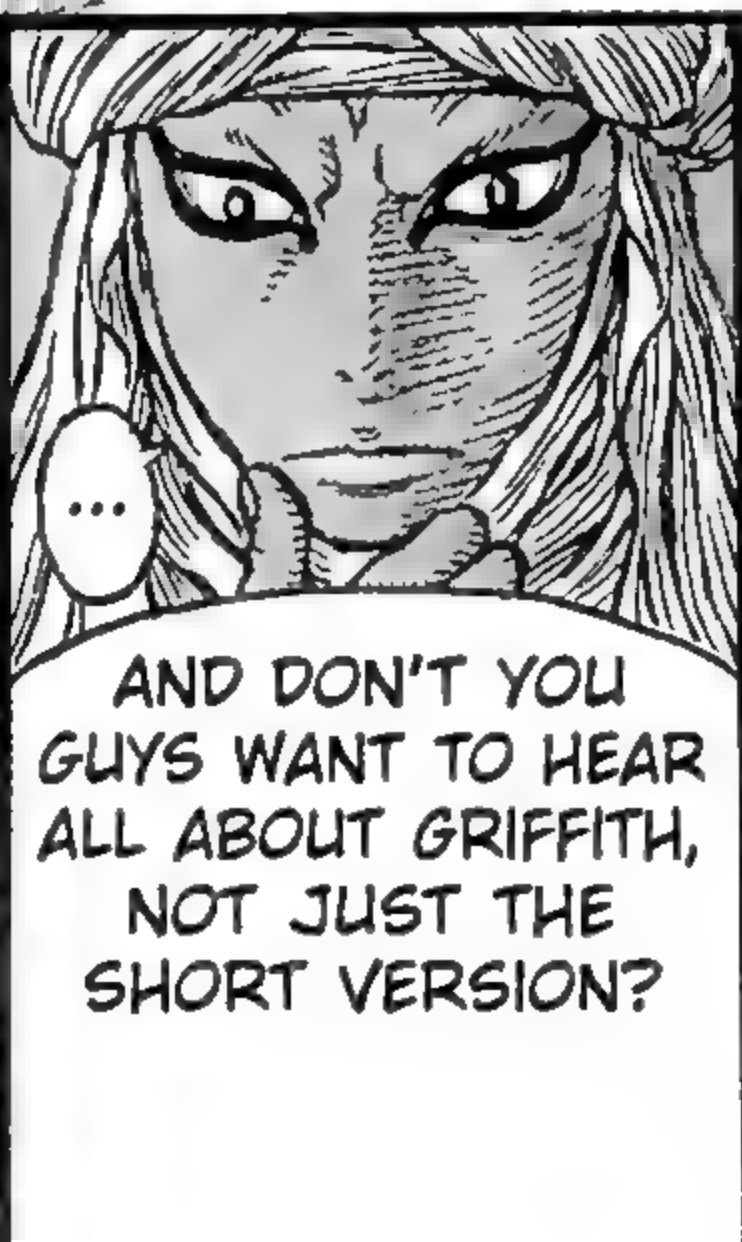
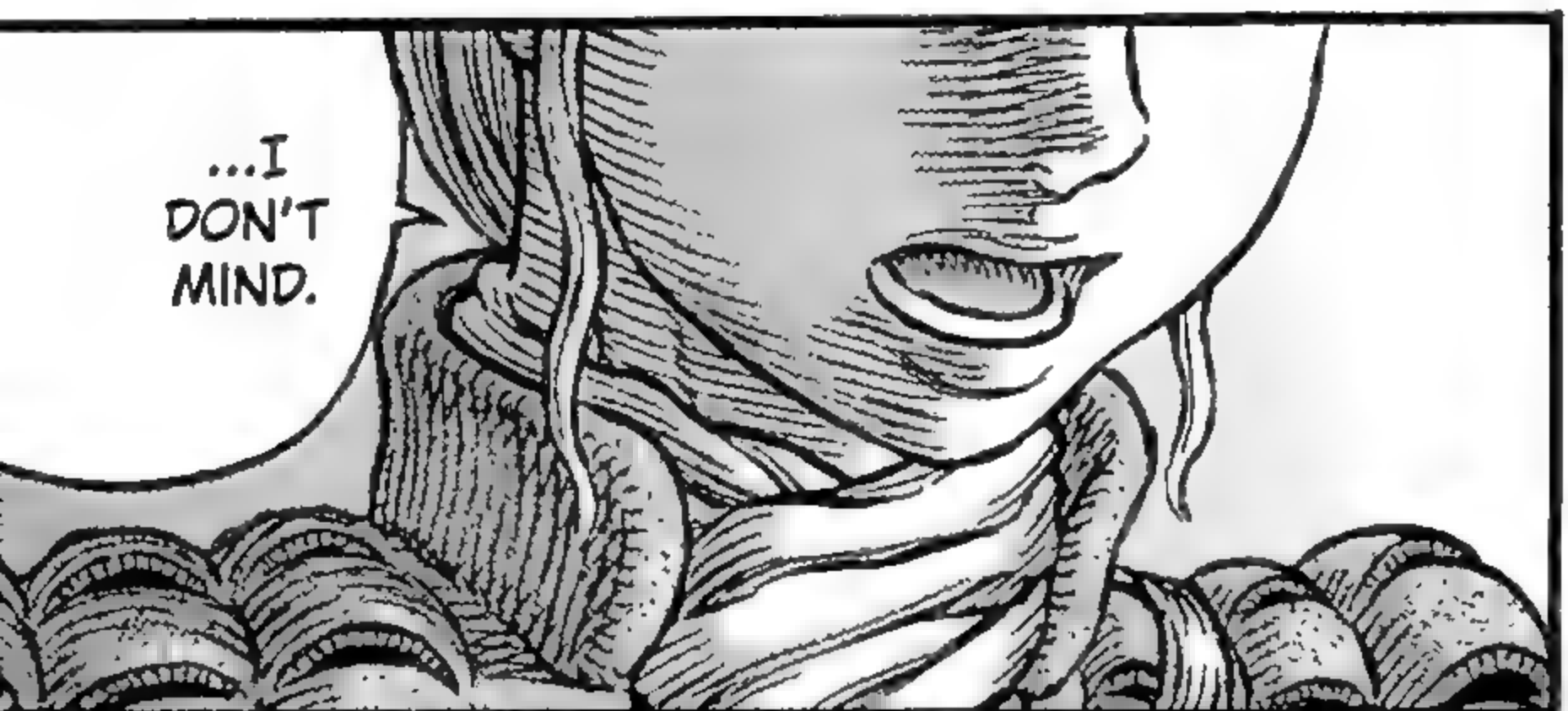
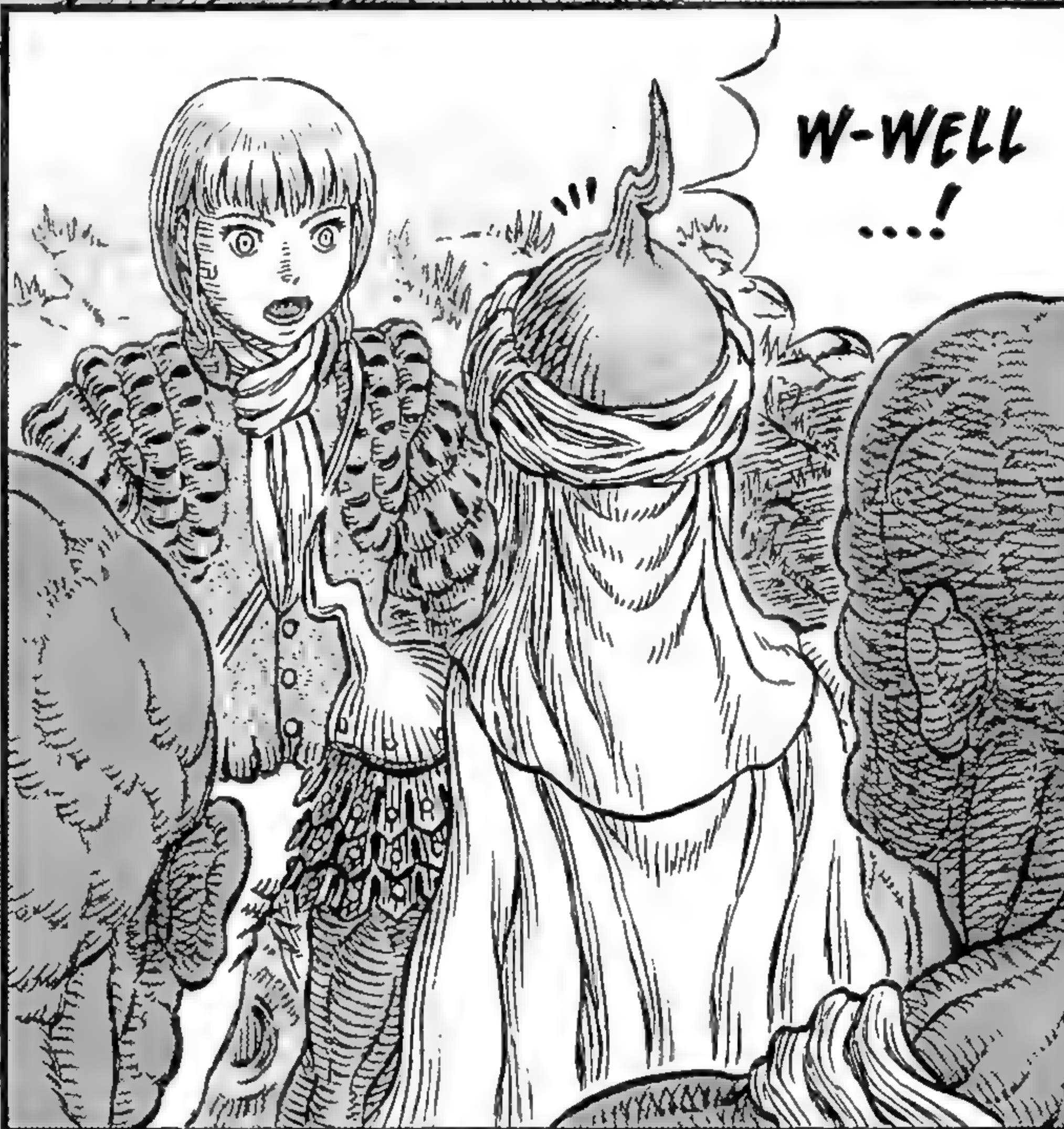
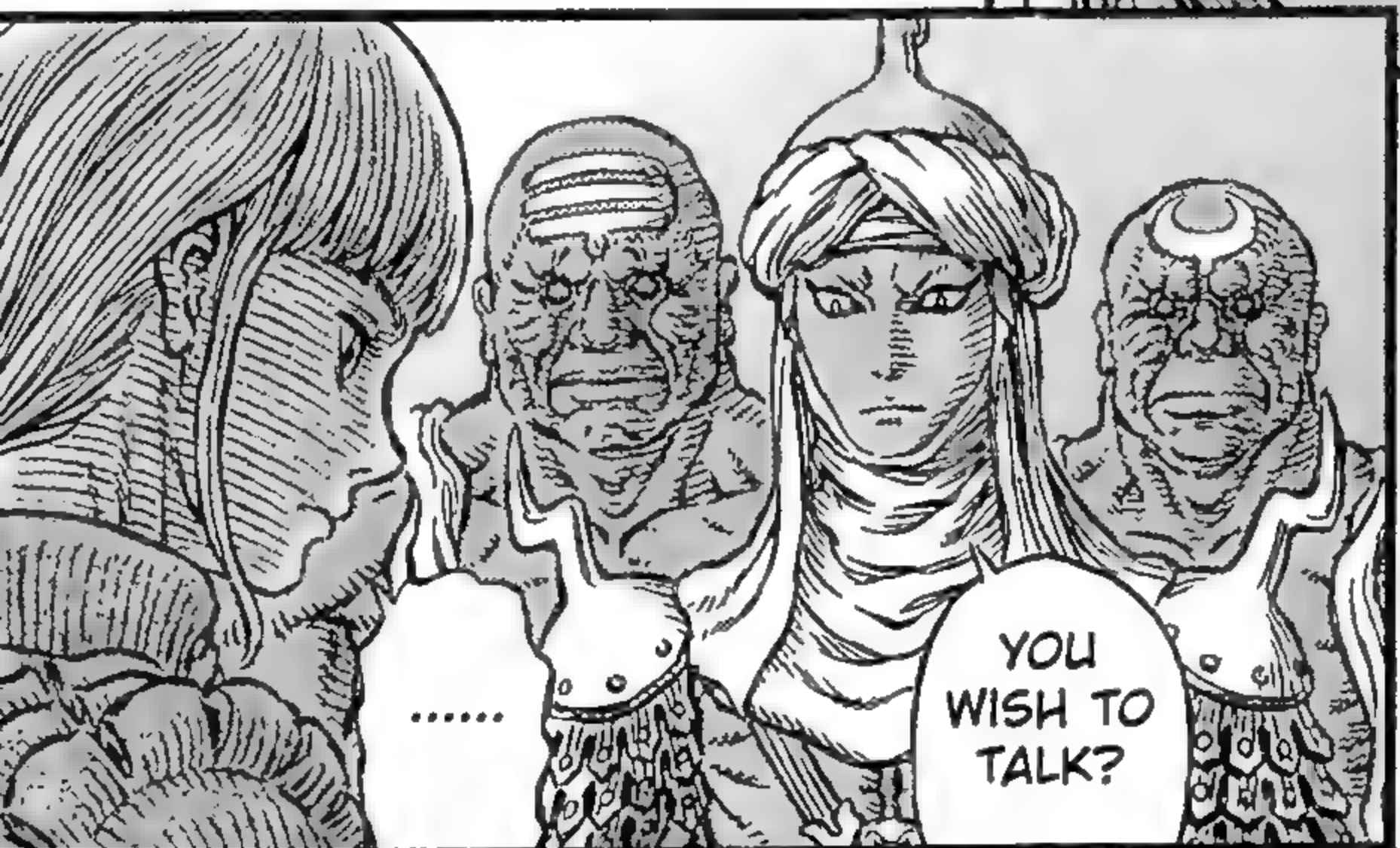
I'LL GO PUT ON A NEW MASK...

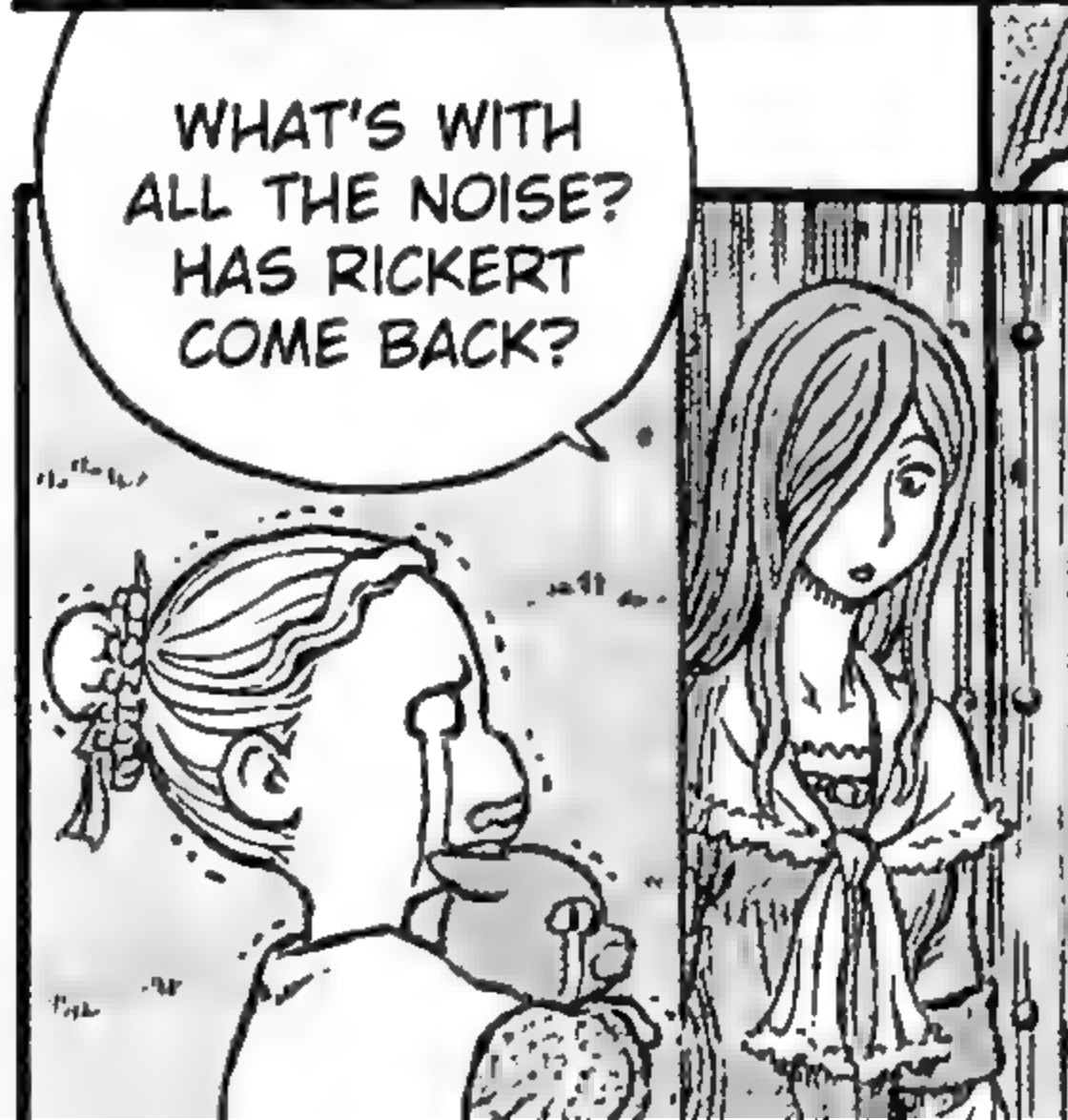
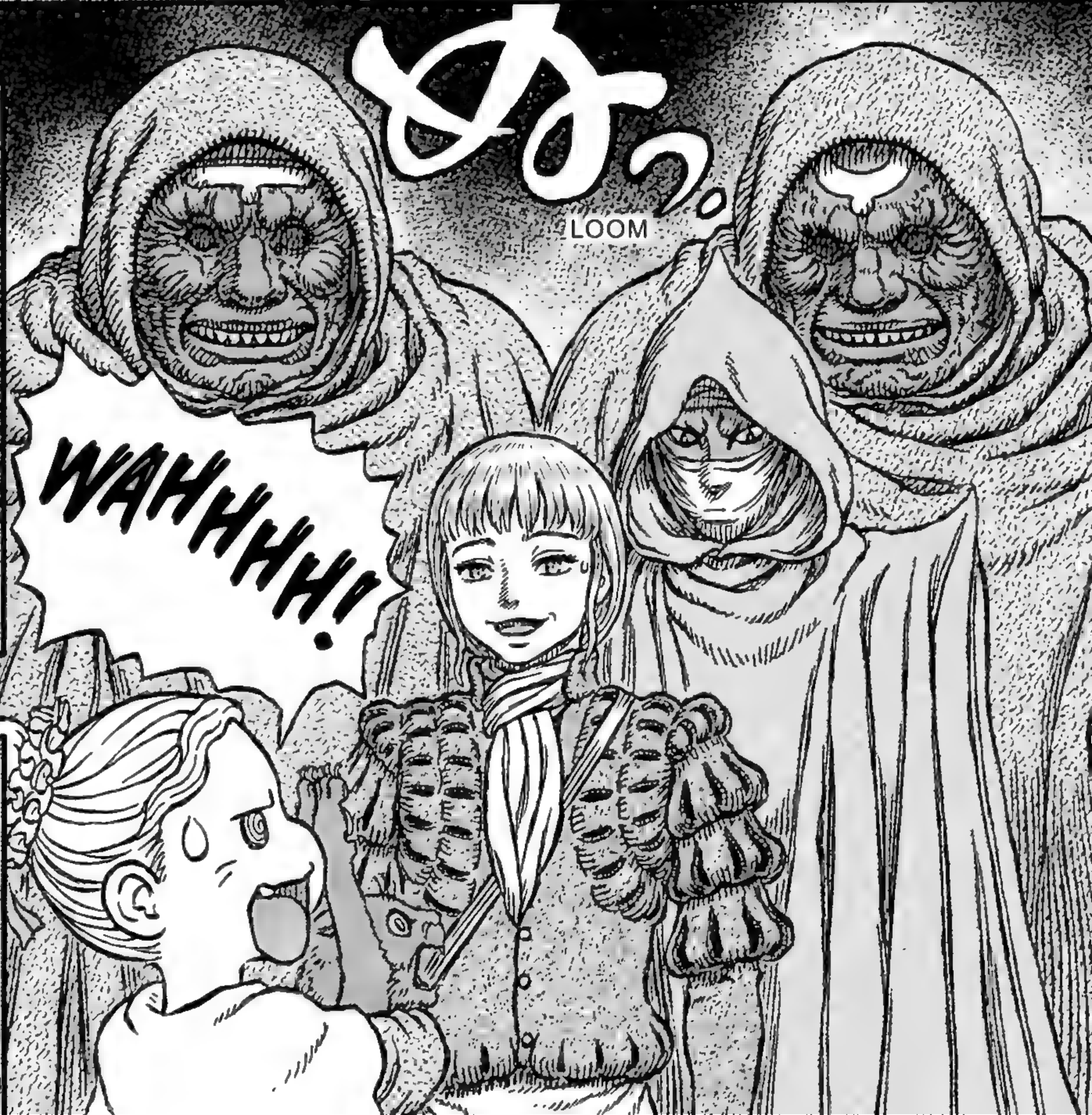
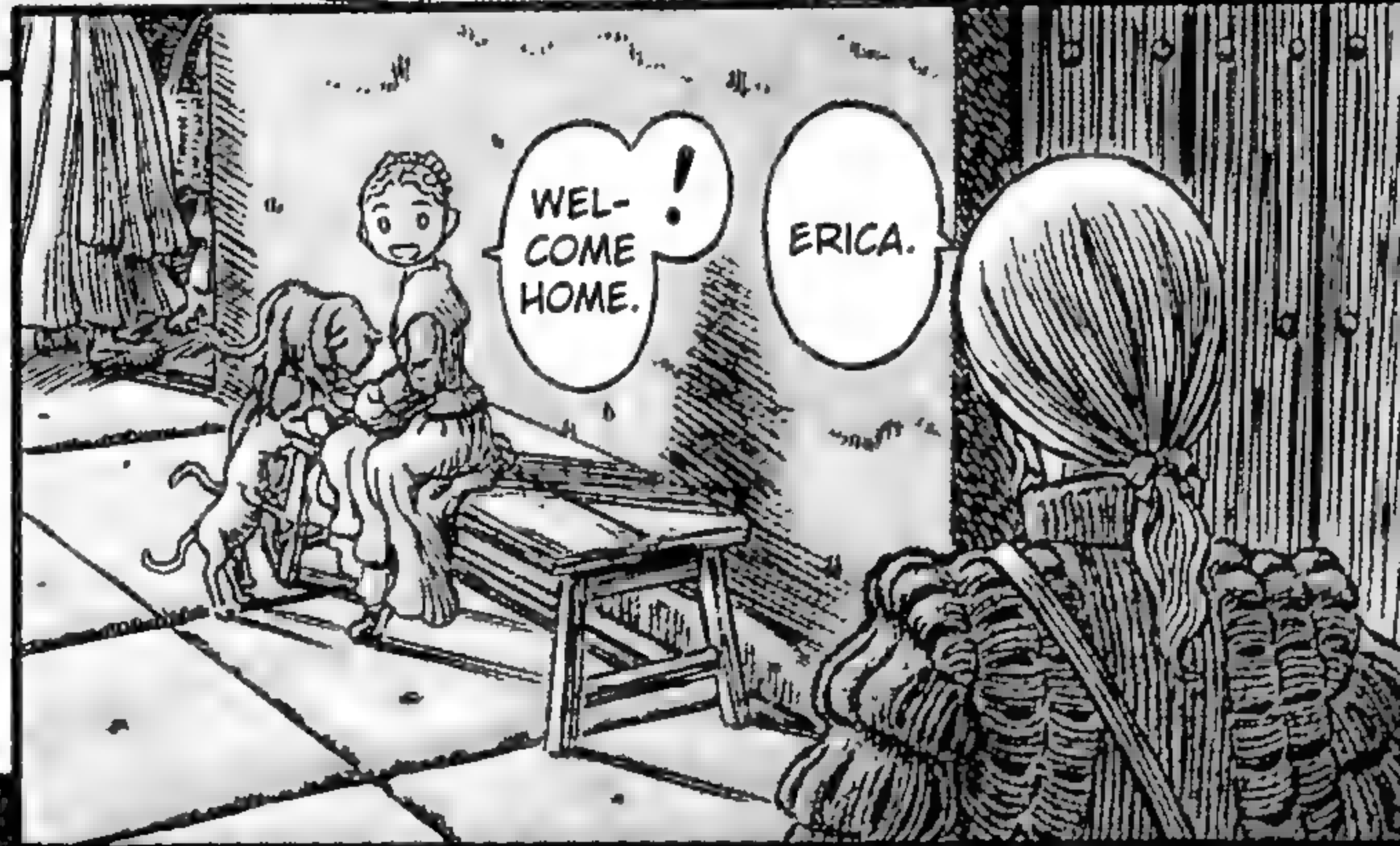


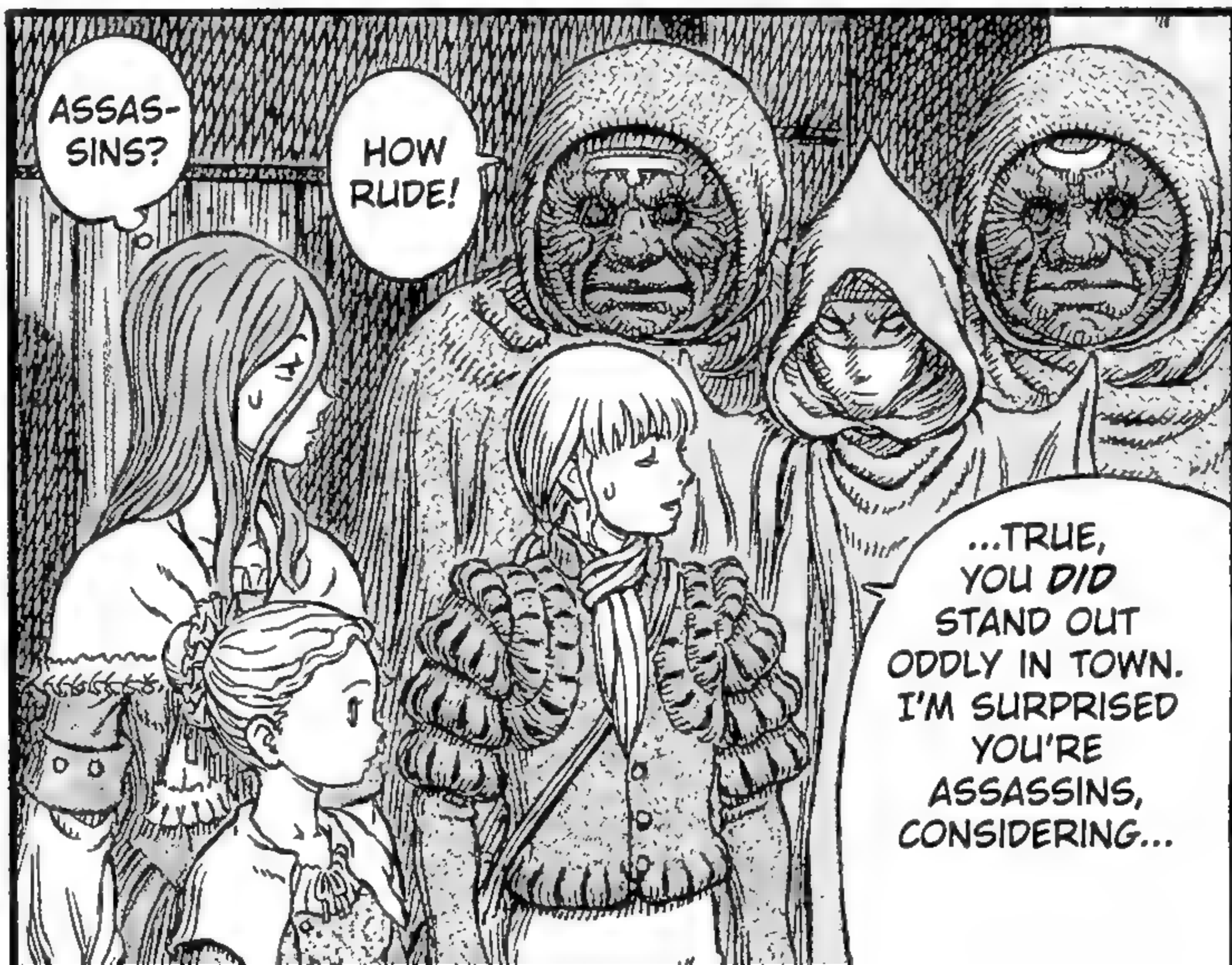
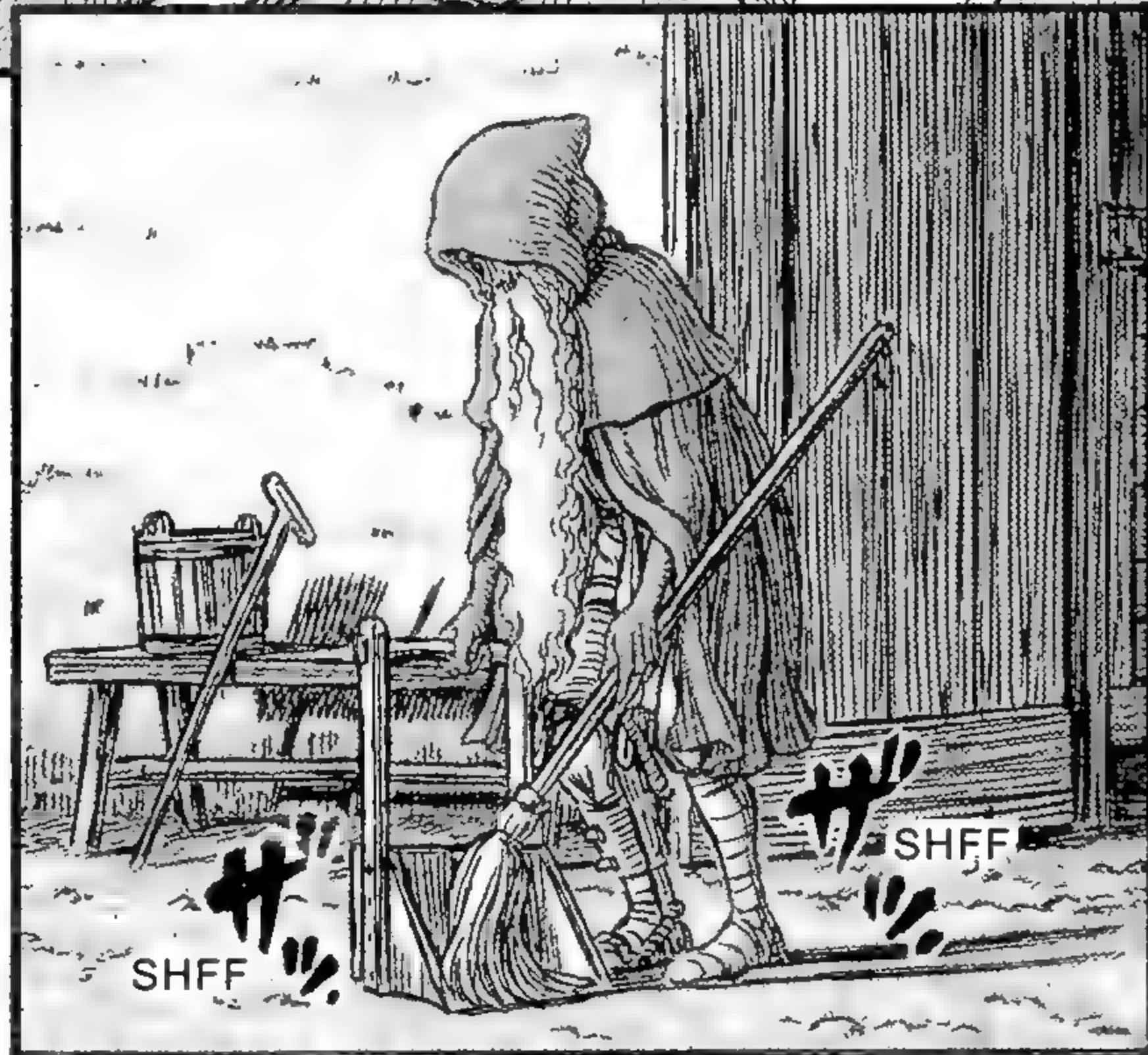
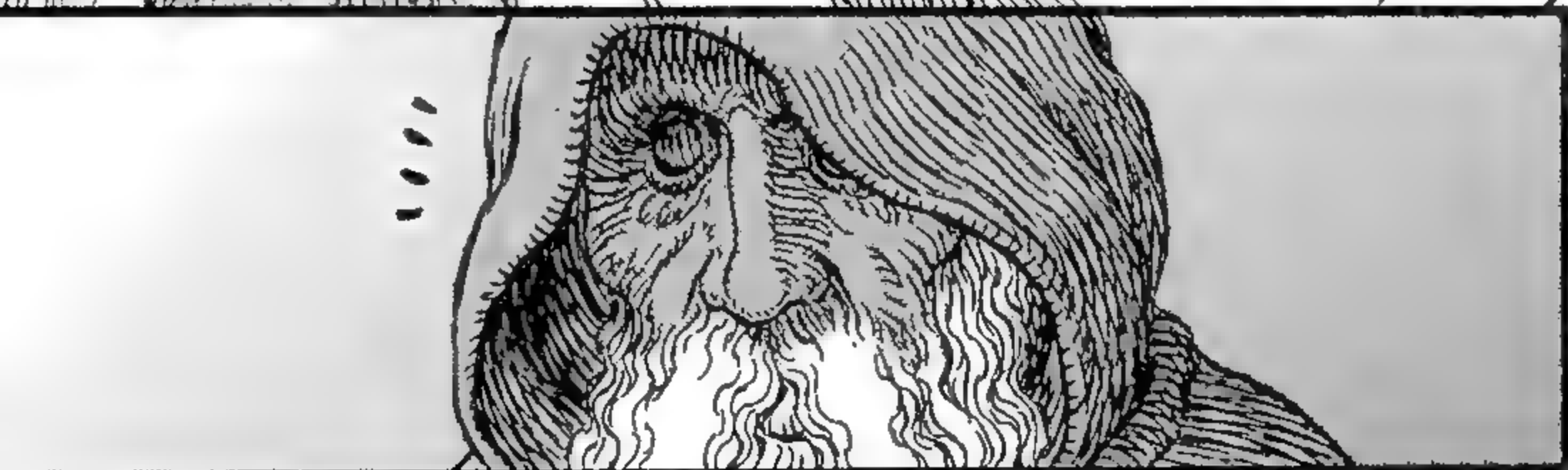
...I'M
FINE WITH
ROUGHING
YOU UP TO
GET MY
ANSWER.

IF
YOU
INSIST...

WHAT'S
THE
MATTER?







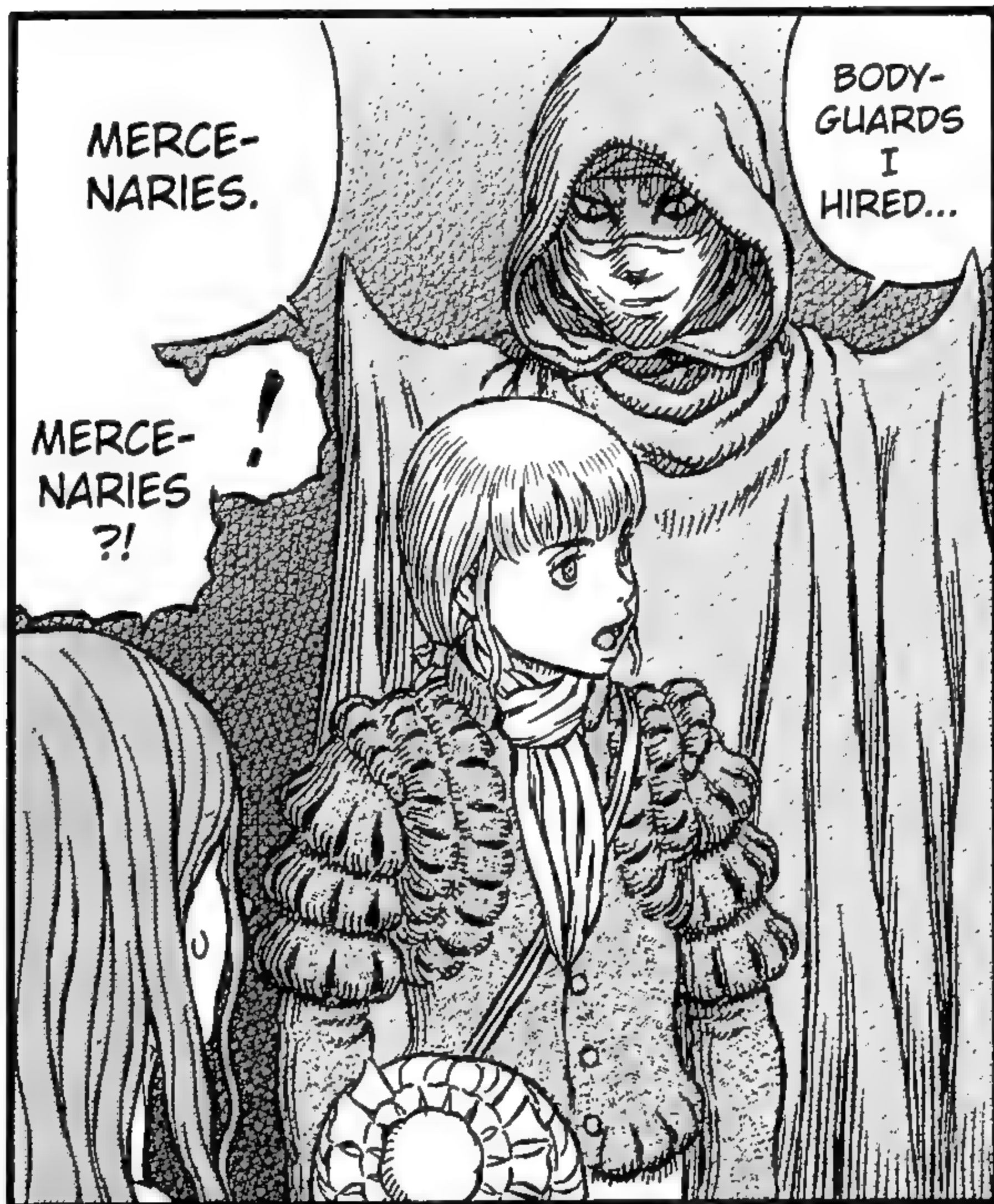


IT'S
THEM...



LET'S
FACE IT,
OUR FATE
IS TO LIVE
IN THE
SHADOWS.

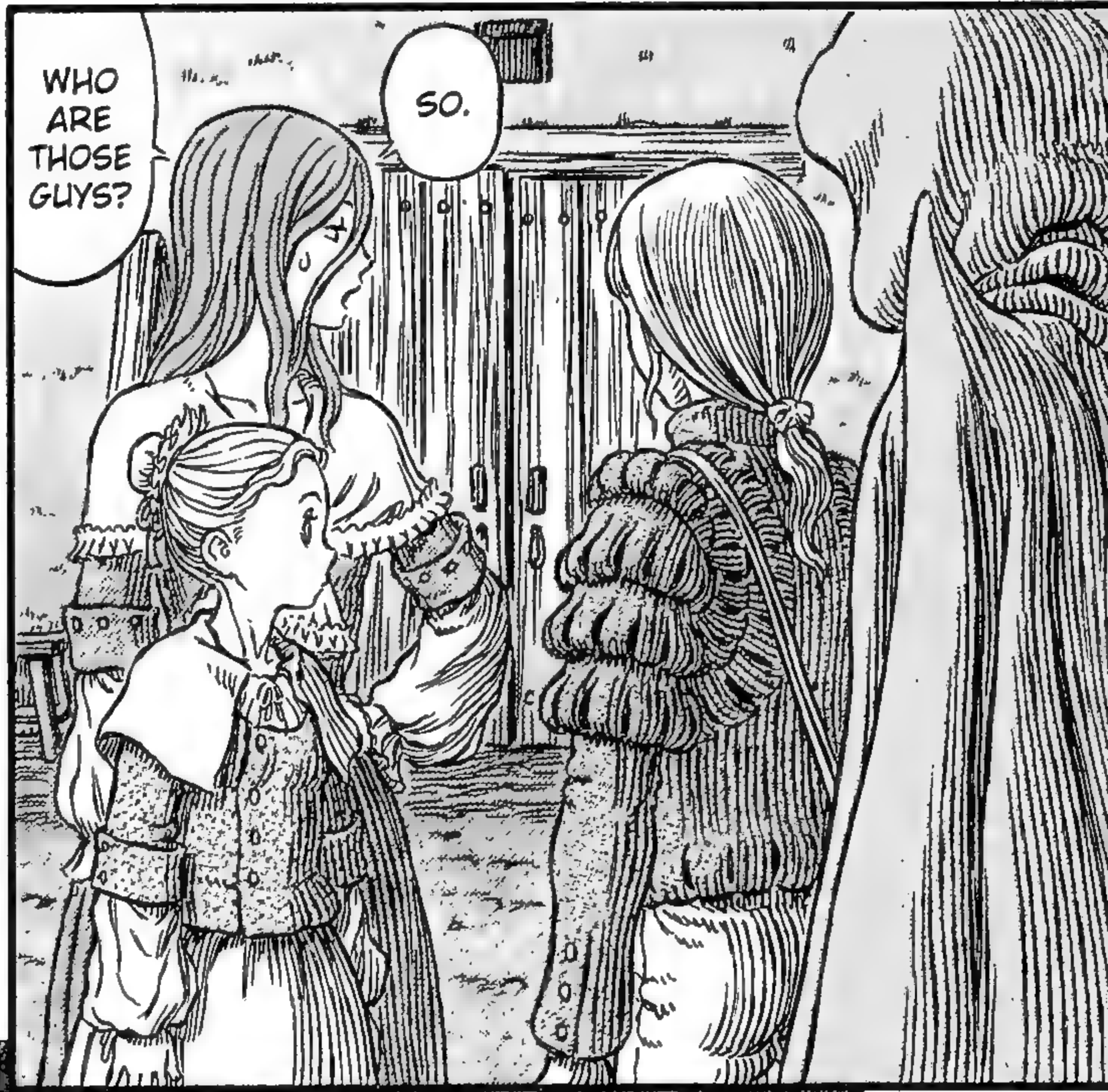
THIS
IRKS
ME.



MERCE-
NARIES.

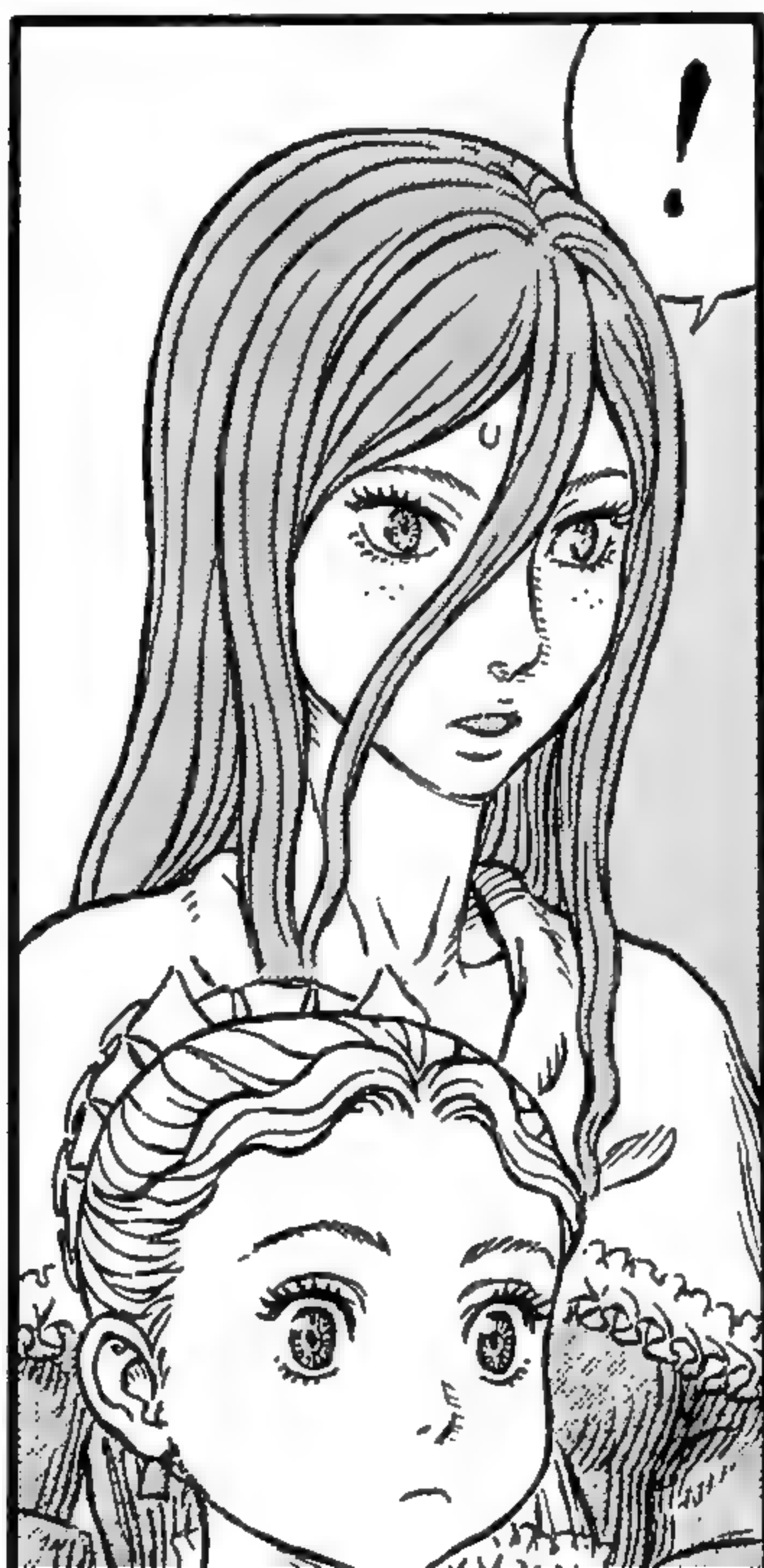
BODY-
GUARDS
I HIRED...

MERCE-
NARIES
?!

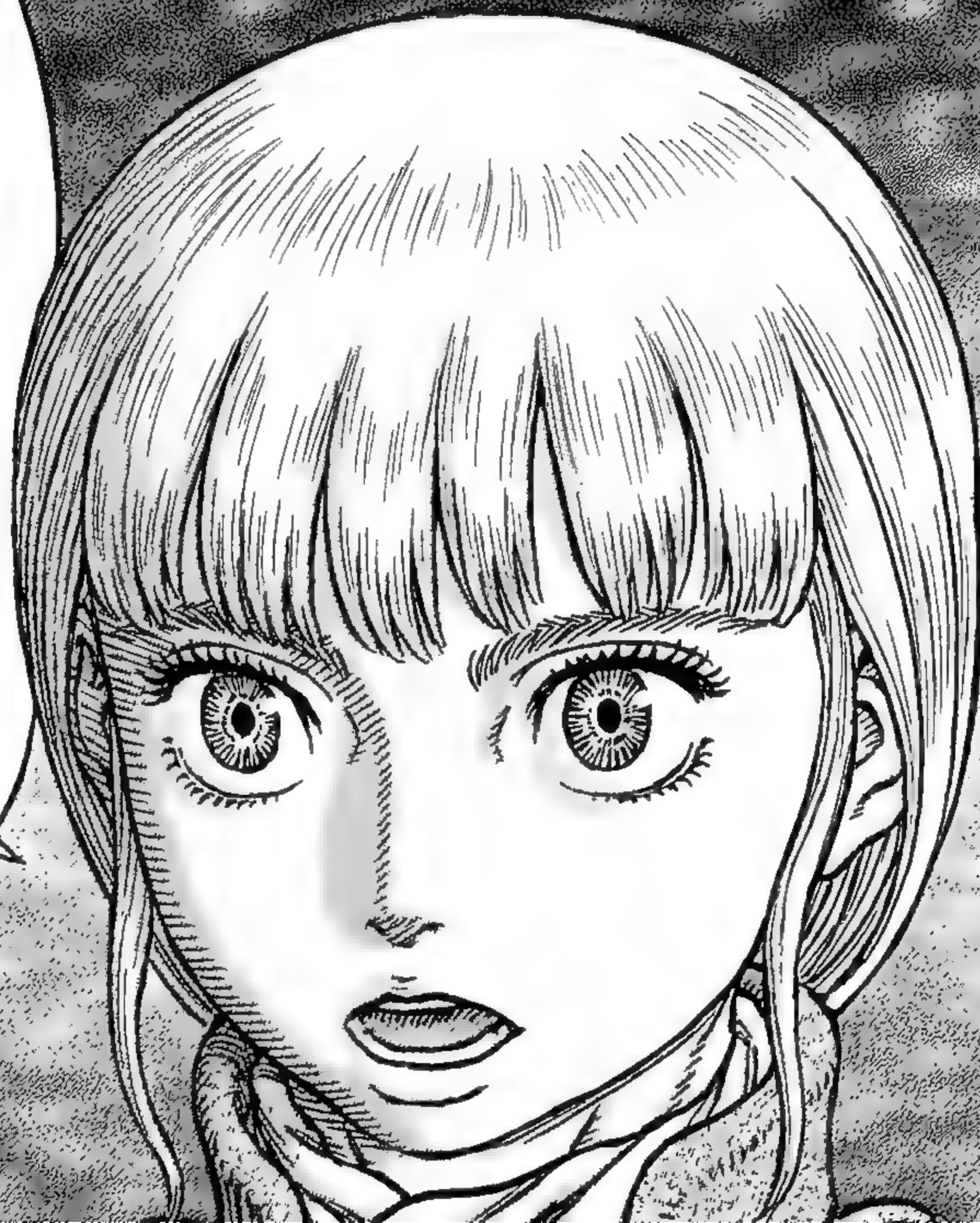


WHO
ARE
THOSE
GUYS?

SO.

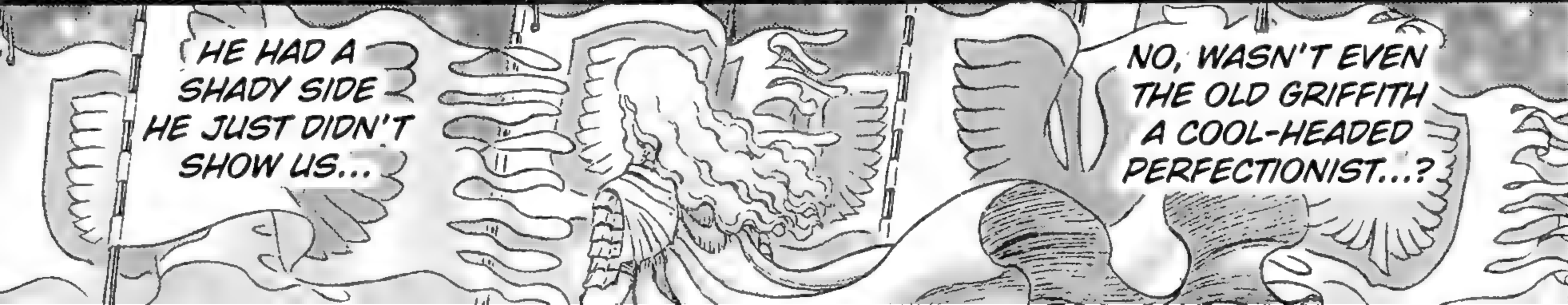
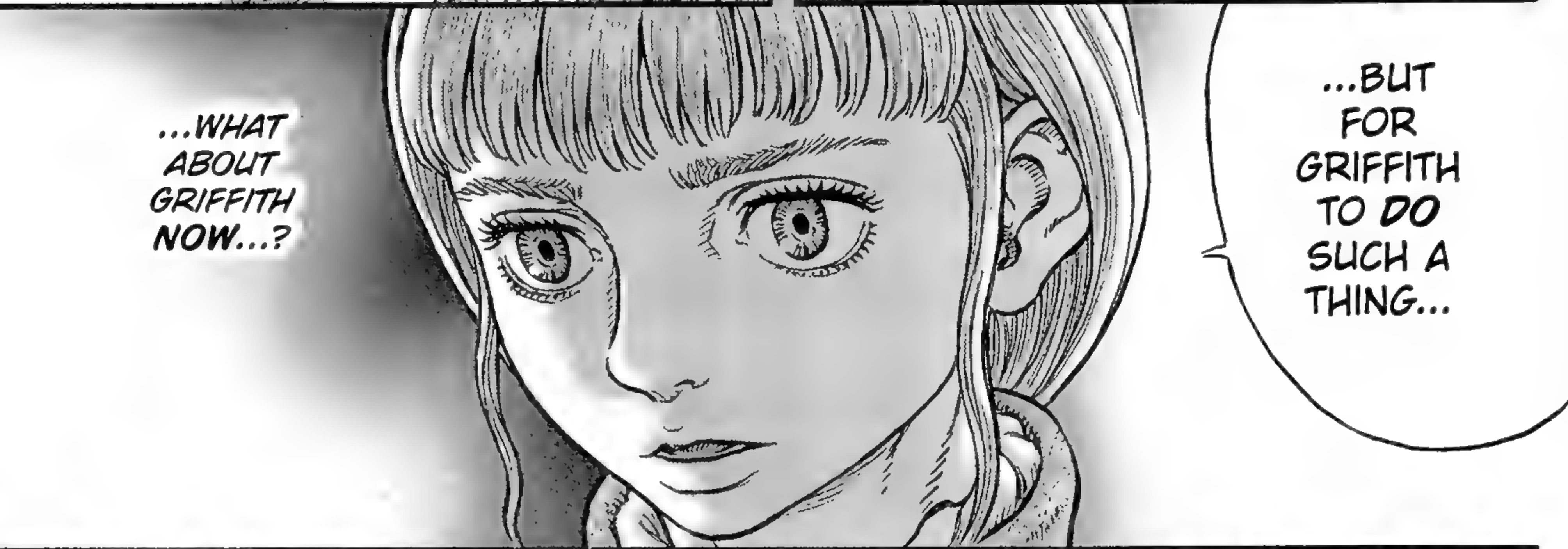
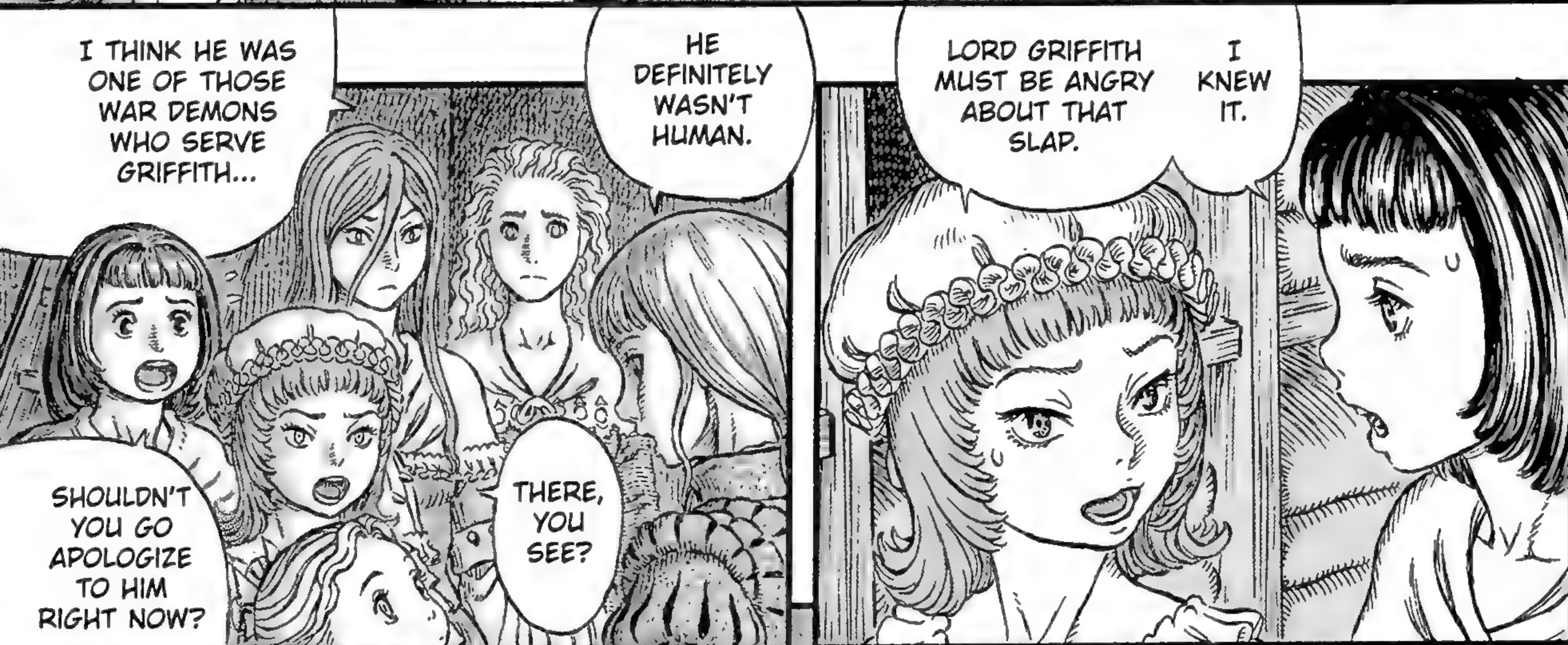
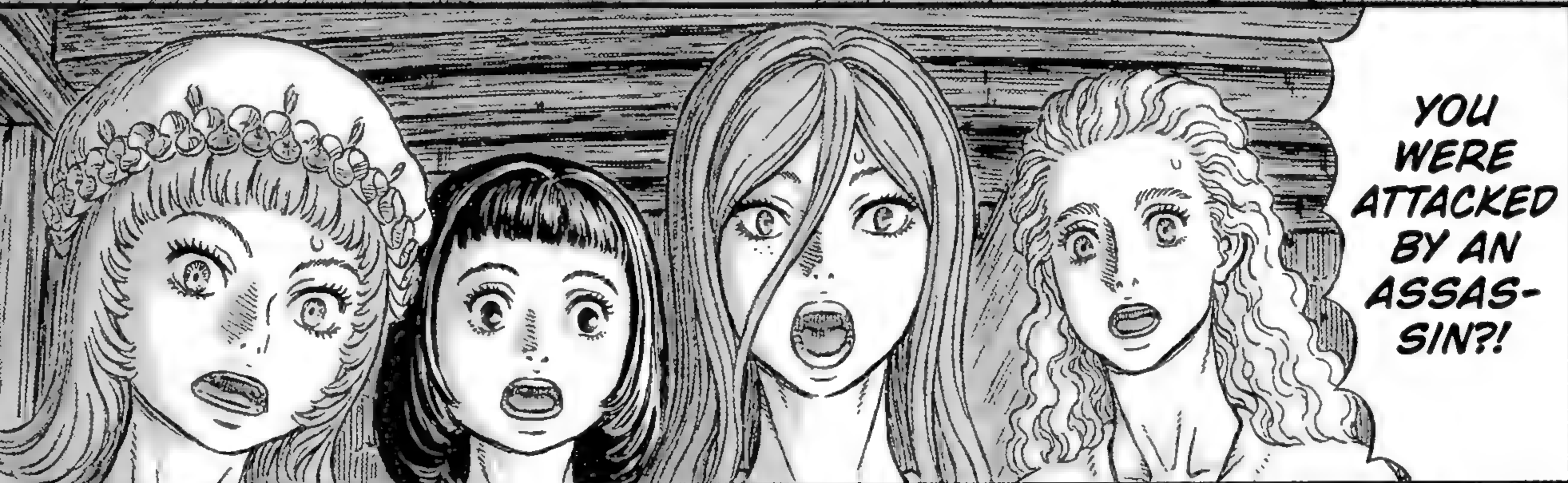


...GOING
TO
LEAVE
FAL-
CONIA.



TO-
NIGHT...

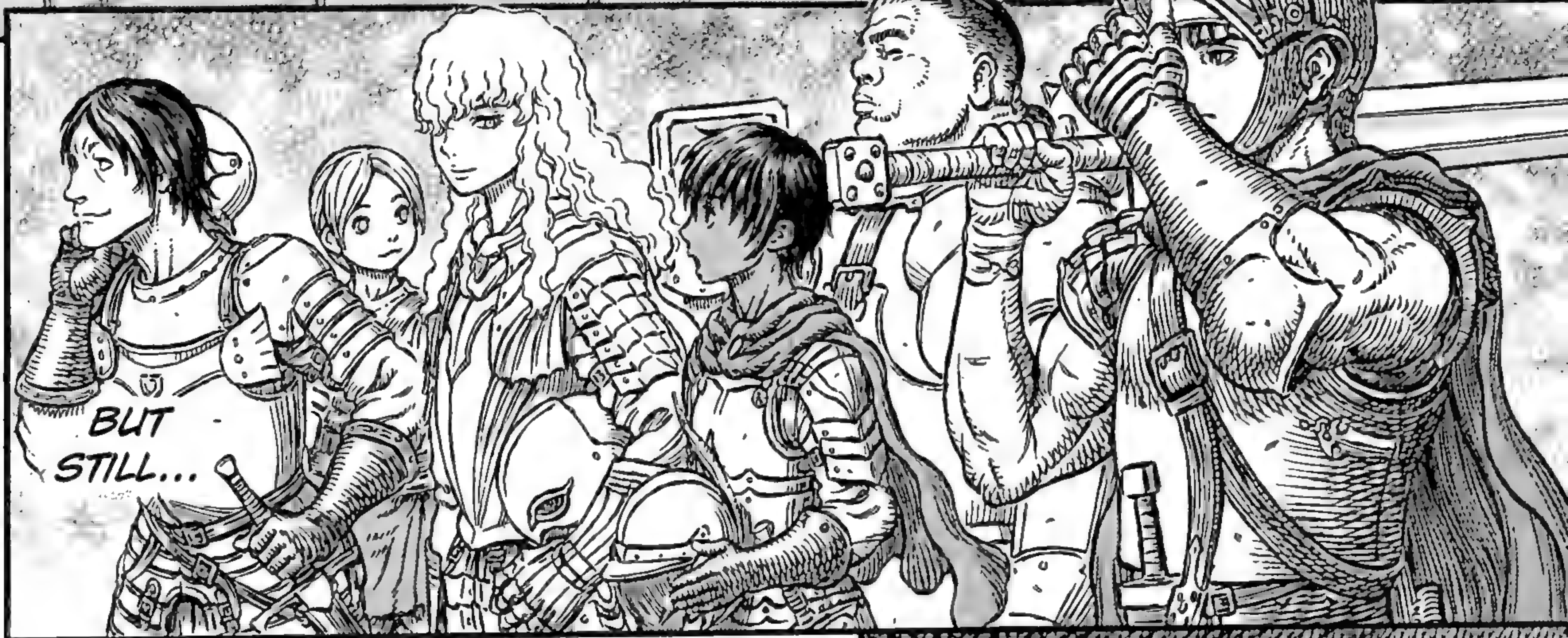
I'M...



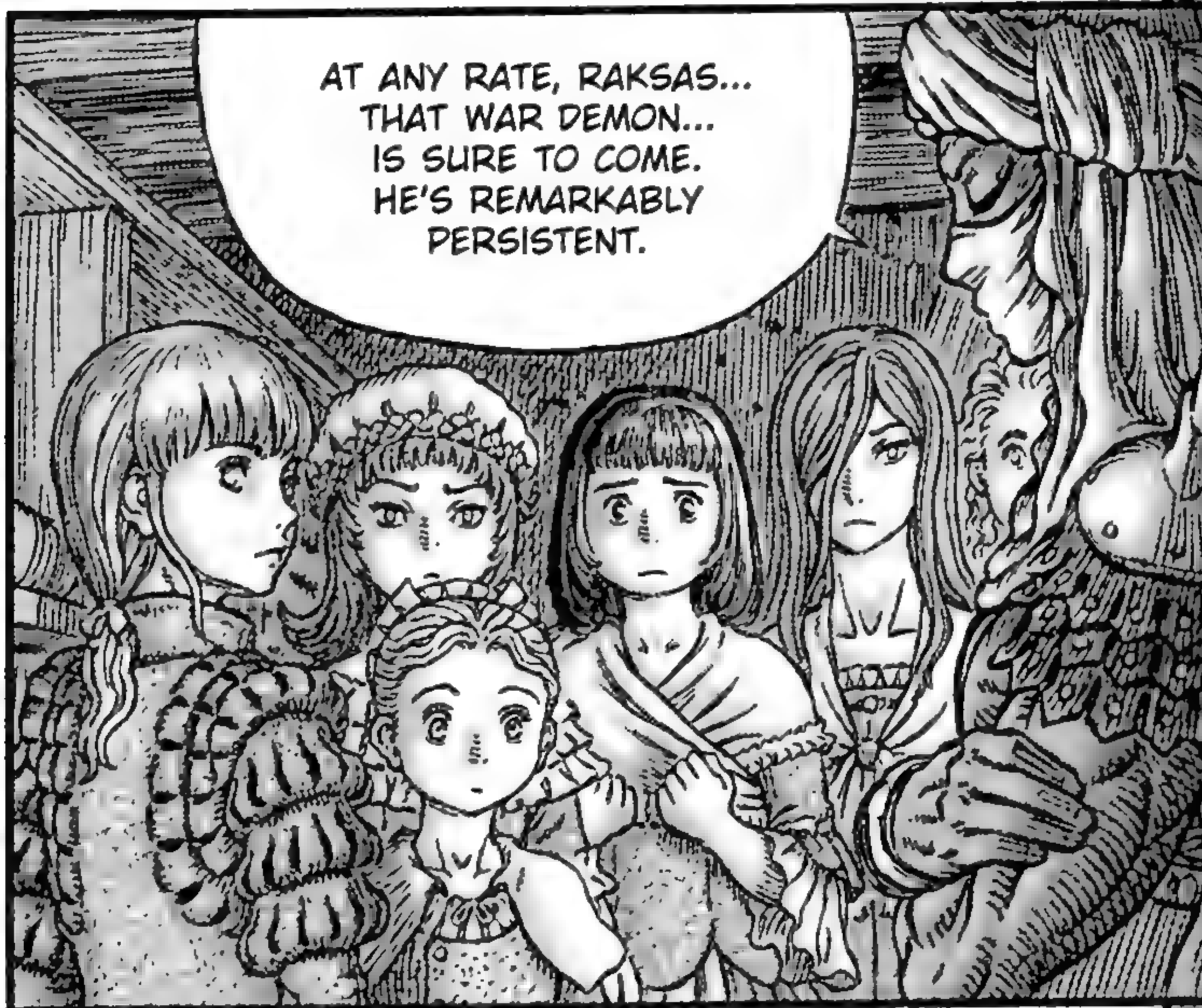


...HE'D
NEVER
HAVE...

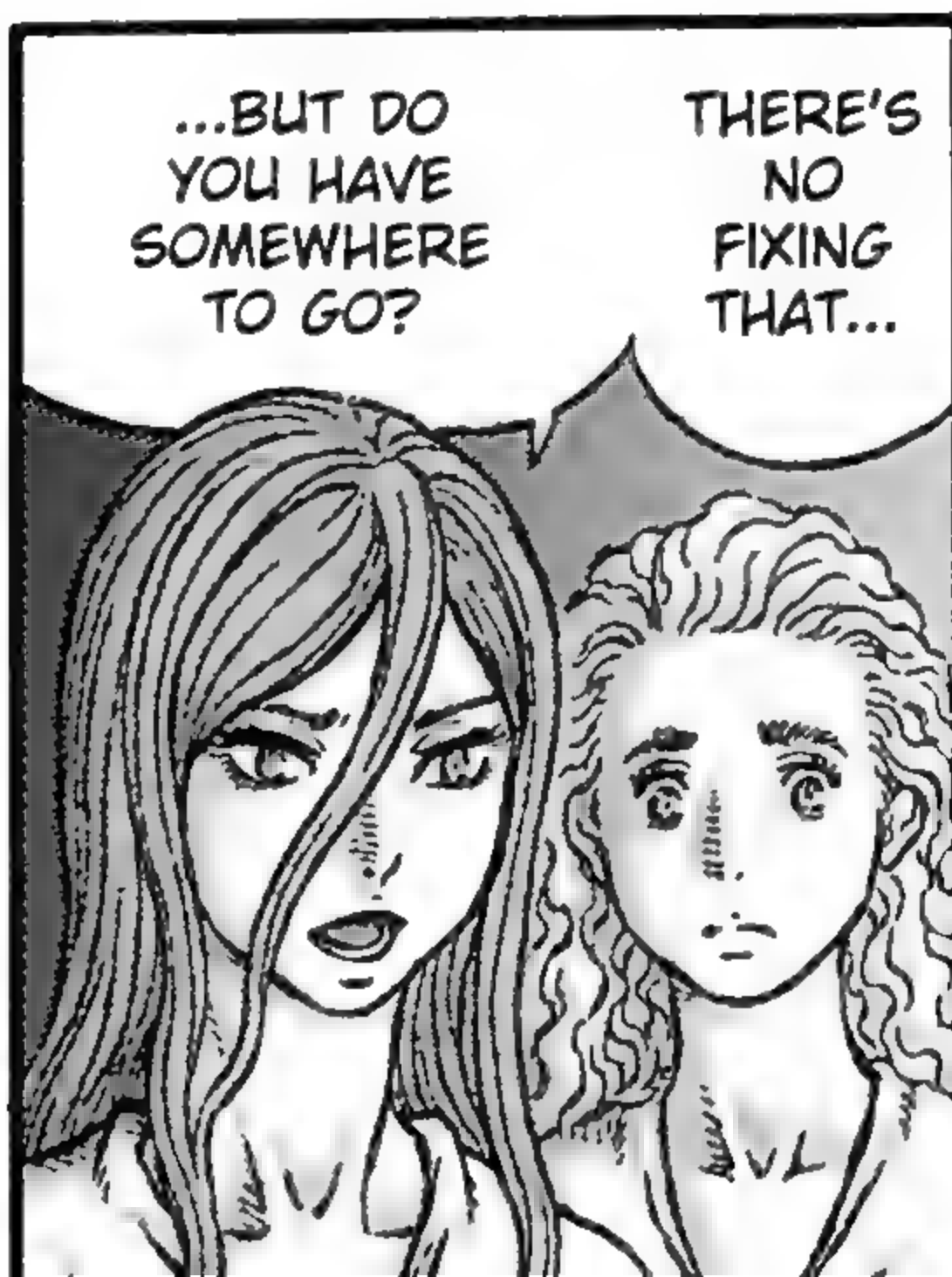
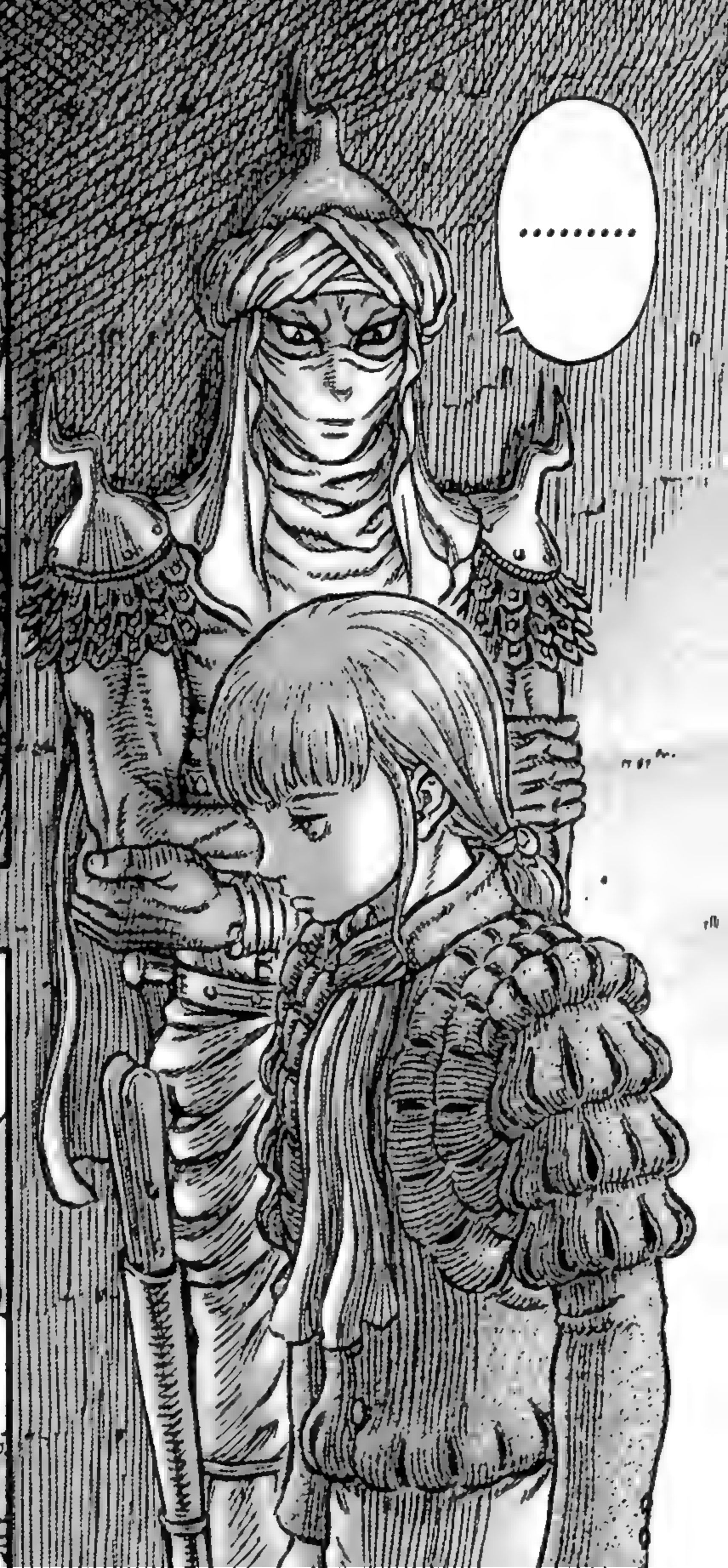
IF
THAT
WEREN'T
TRUE...



BUT
STILL...



AT ANY RATE, RAKSAS...
THAT WAR DEMON...
IS SURE TO COME.
HE'S REMARKABLY
PERSISTENT.



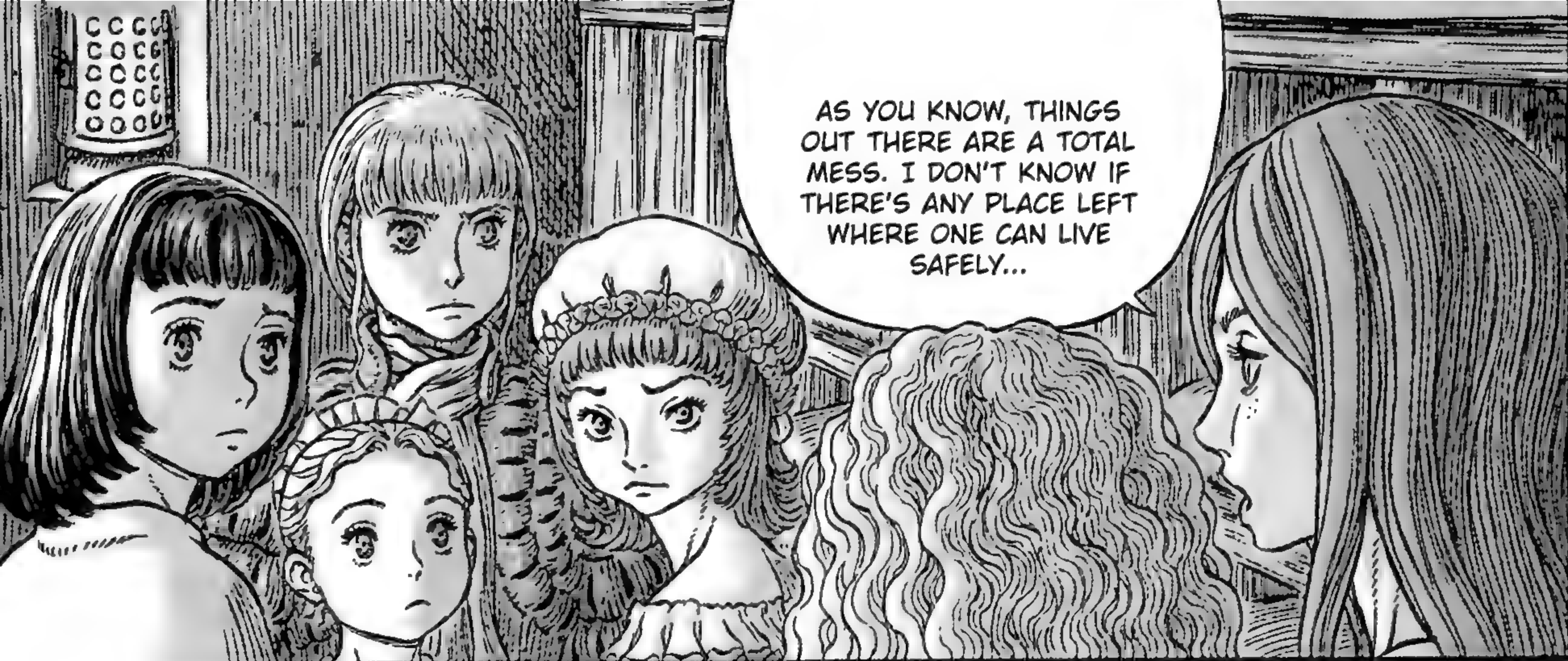
...BUT DO
YOU HAVE
SOMEWHERE
TO GO?

THERE'S
NO
FIXING
THAT...



YOU'VE GOT
TO HURRY AND
GET READY TO
TRAVEL!

DON'T
JUST
STAND
THERE!



AS YOU KNOW, THINGS
OUT THERE ARE A TOTAL
MESS. I DON'T KNOW IF
THERE'S ANY PLACE LEFT
WHERE ONE CAN LIVE
SAFELY...



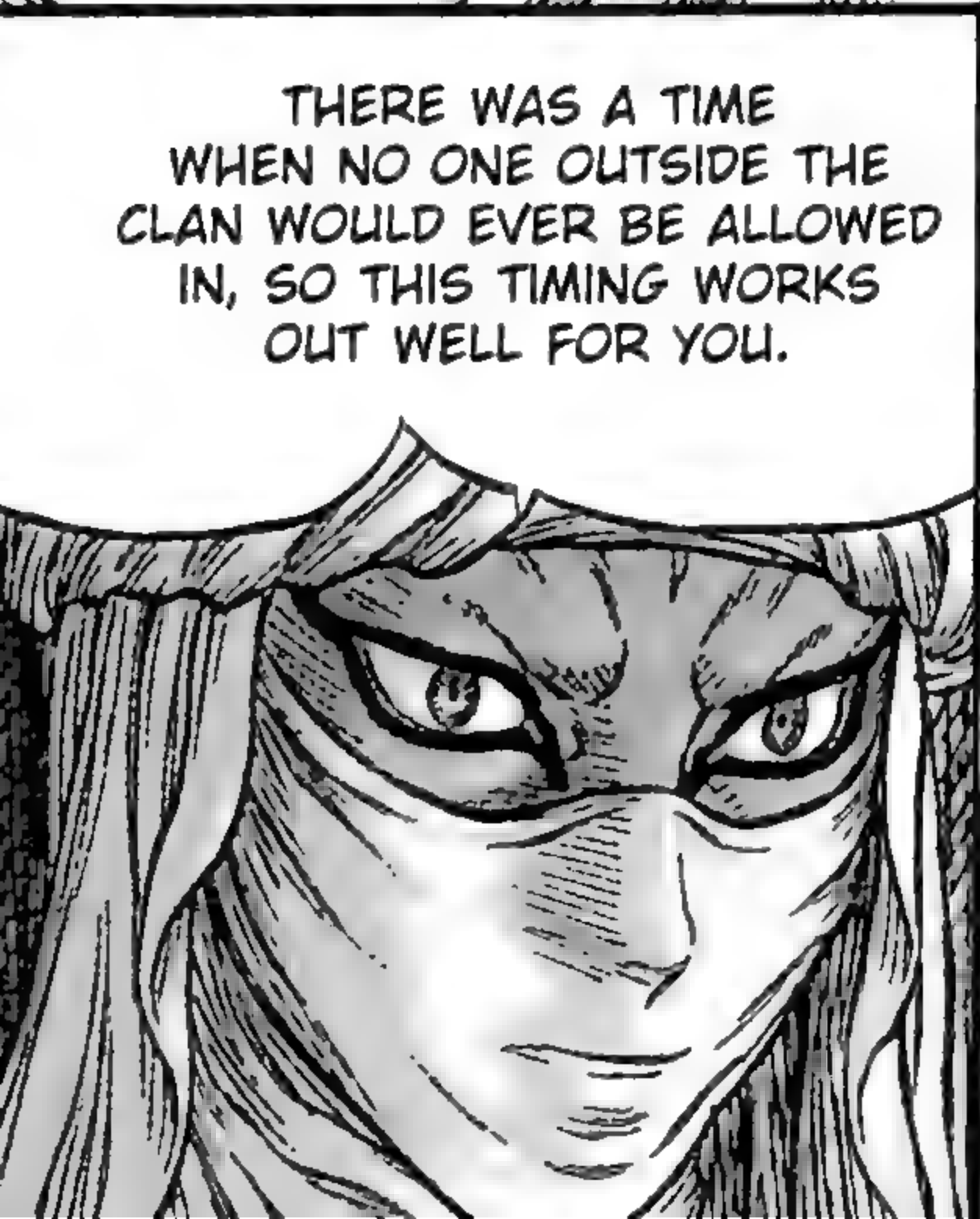
ALL WHO
LIVE IN THE
VILLAGE ARE
WARRIORS WHO
CONSTANTLY
PRACTICE THEIR
KILLING ARTS.
NOT EVEN THE
LIKES OF SPIRIT
CREATURES
WOULD FIND IT
EASY TO
APPROACH.



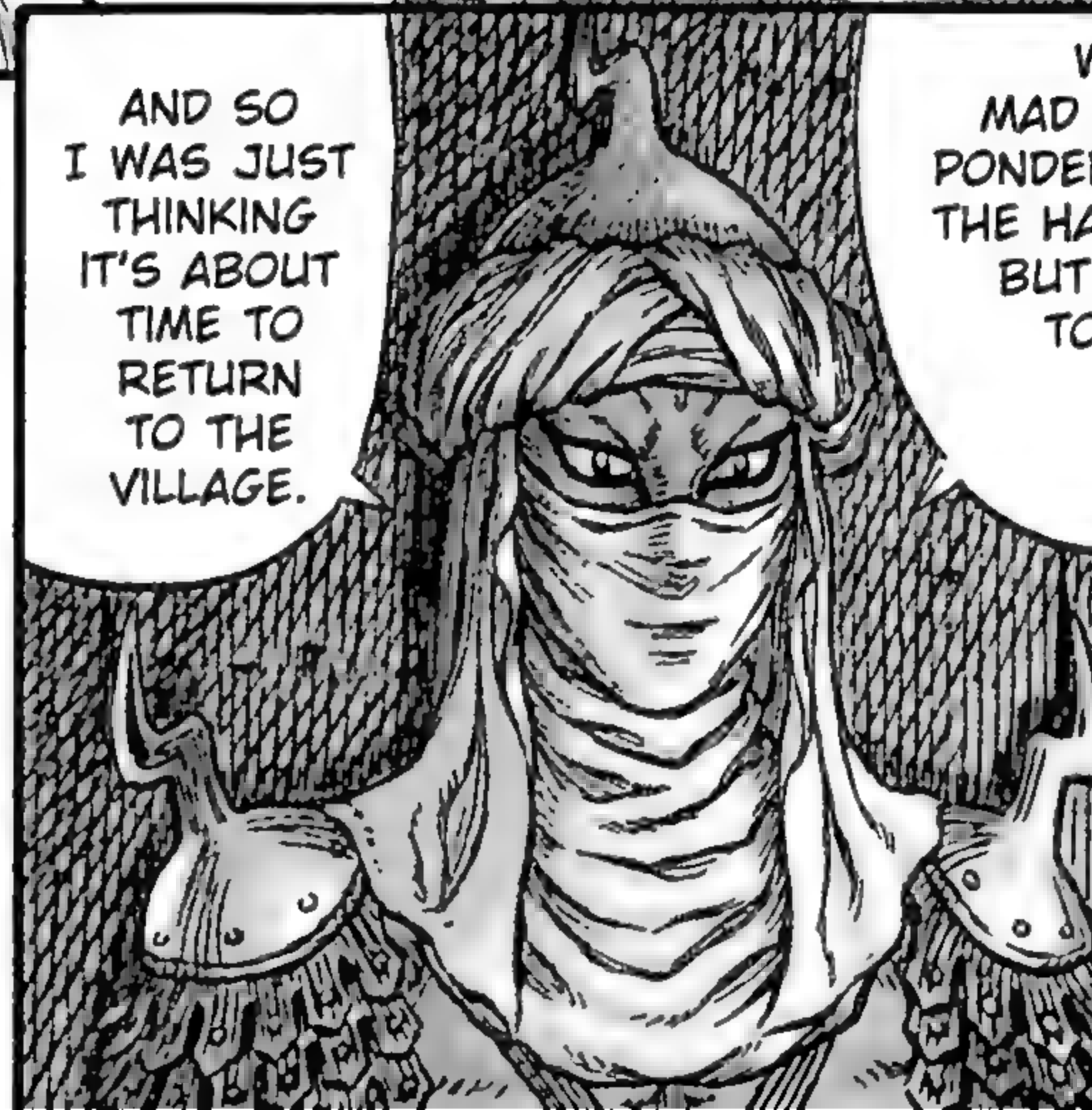
LONG
BEFORE
THE KUSHAN
INVADED THIS
RELIGIOUS
SPHERE,
WE BAKIRAKA
BUILT A HIDDEN
VILLAGE IN AN
IMPREGNABLE
LAND, AND
WE'VE SURVIVED
FOR SEVERAL
CENTURIES
WORKING AS
ASSASSINS.



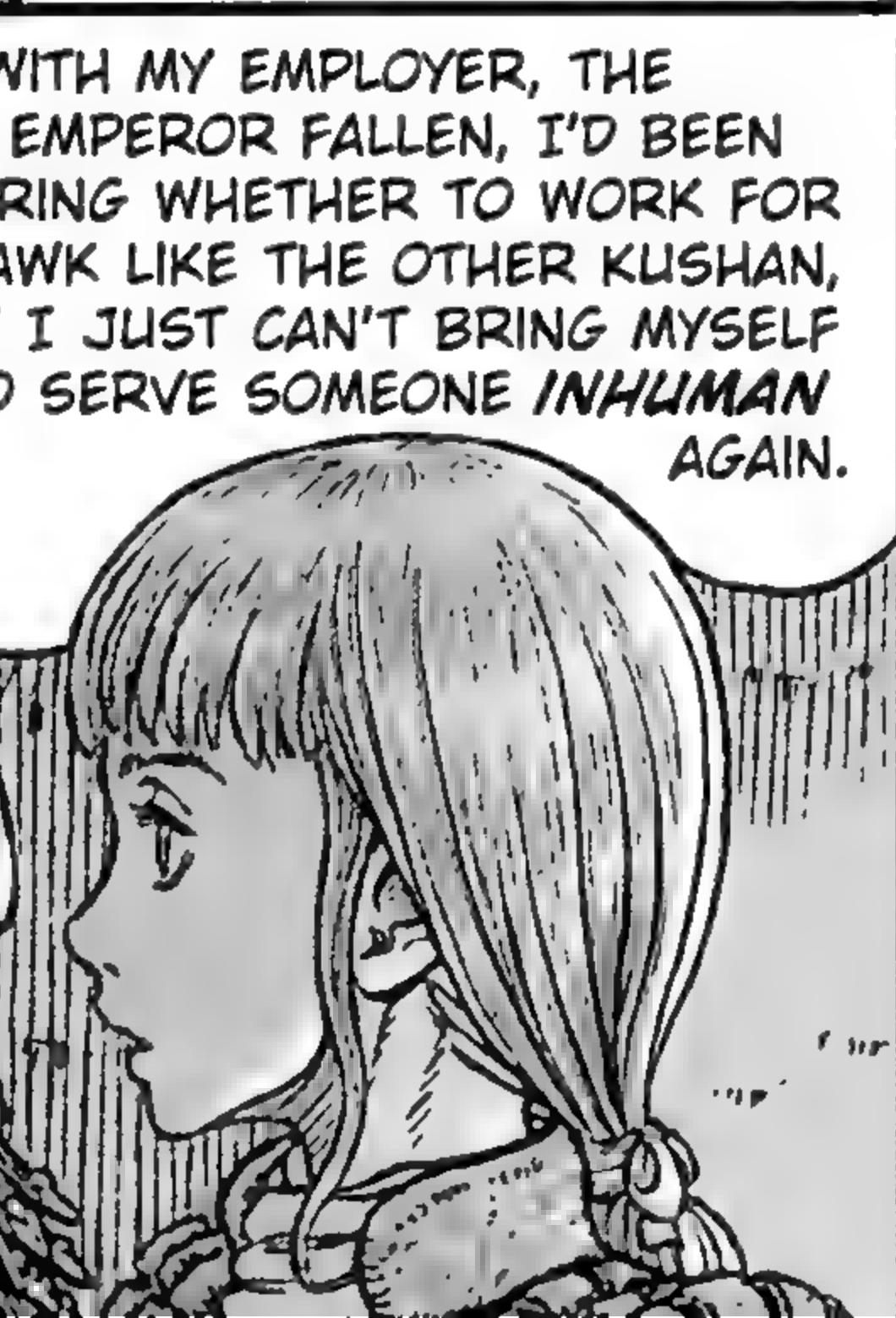
THERE
IS.



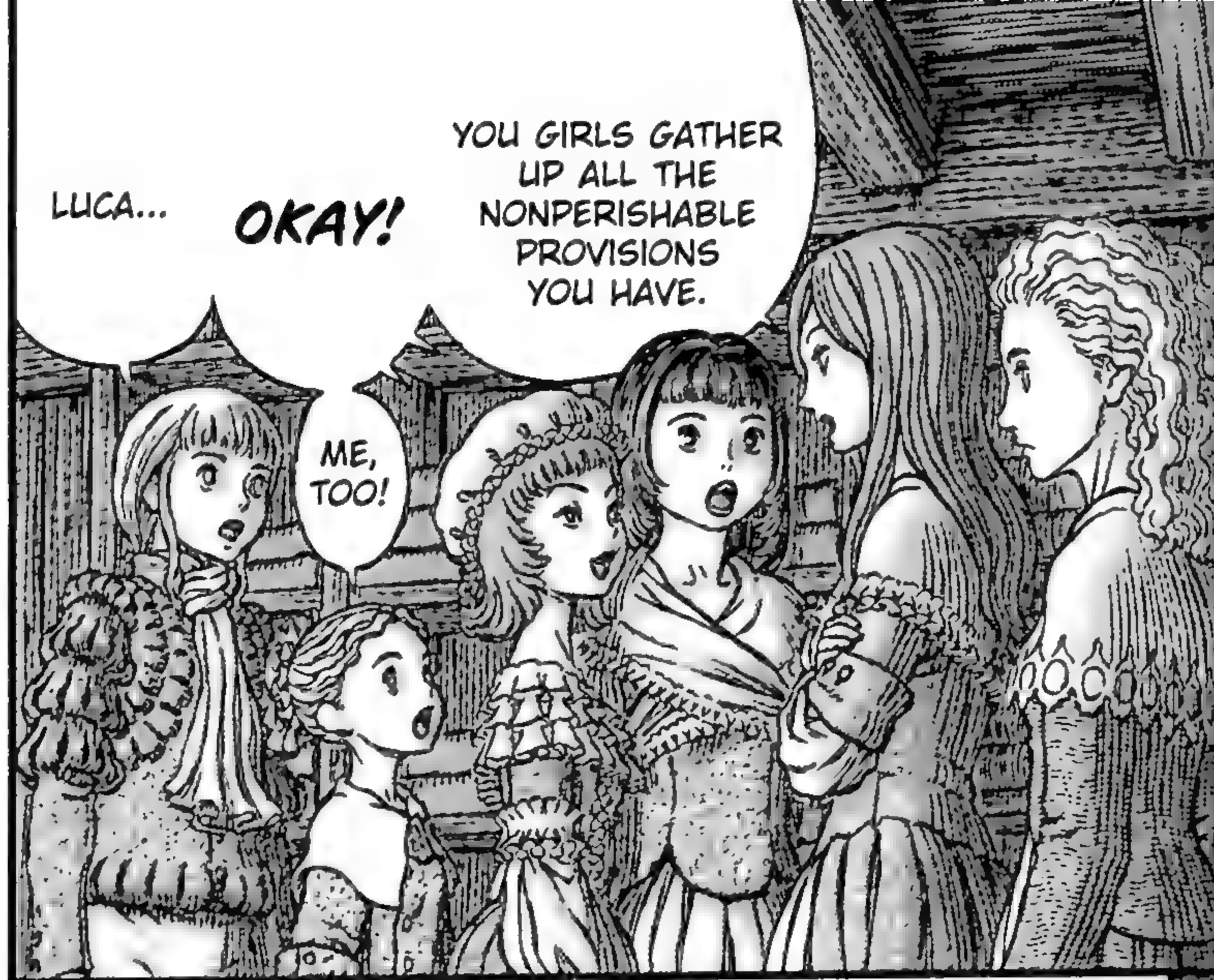
THERE WAS A TIME
WHEN NO ONE OUTSIDE THE
CLAN WOULD EVER BE ALLOWED
IN, SO THIS TIMING WORKS
OUT WELL FOR YOU.



AND SO
I WAS JUST
THINKING
IT'S ABOUT
TIME TO
RETURN
TO THE
VILLAGE.



WITH MY EMPLOYER, THE
MAD EMPEROR FALLEN, I'D BEEN
PONDERING WHETHER TO WORK FOR
THE HAWK LIKE THE OTHER KUSHAN,
BUT I JUST CAN'T BRING MYSELF
TO SERVE SOMEONE *INHUMAN*
AGAIN.

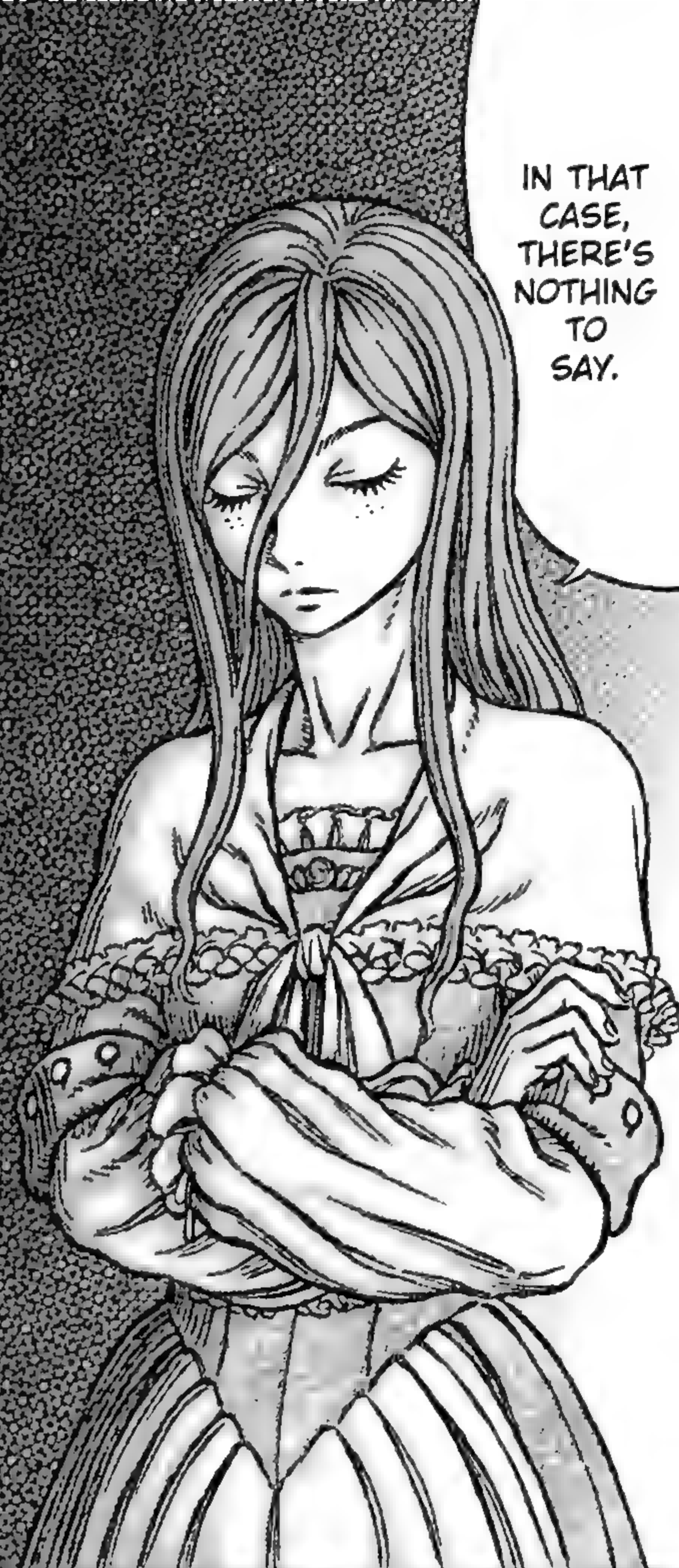


LUCA...

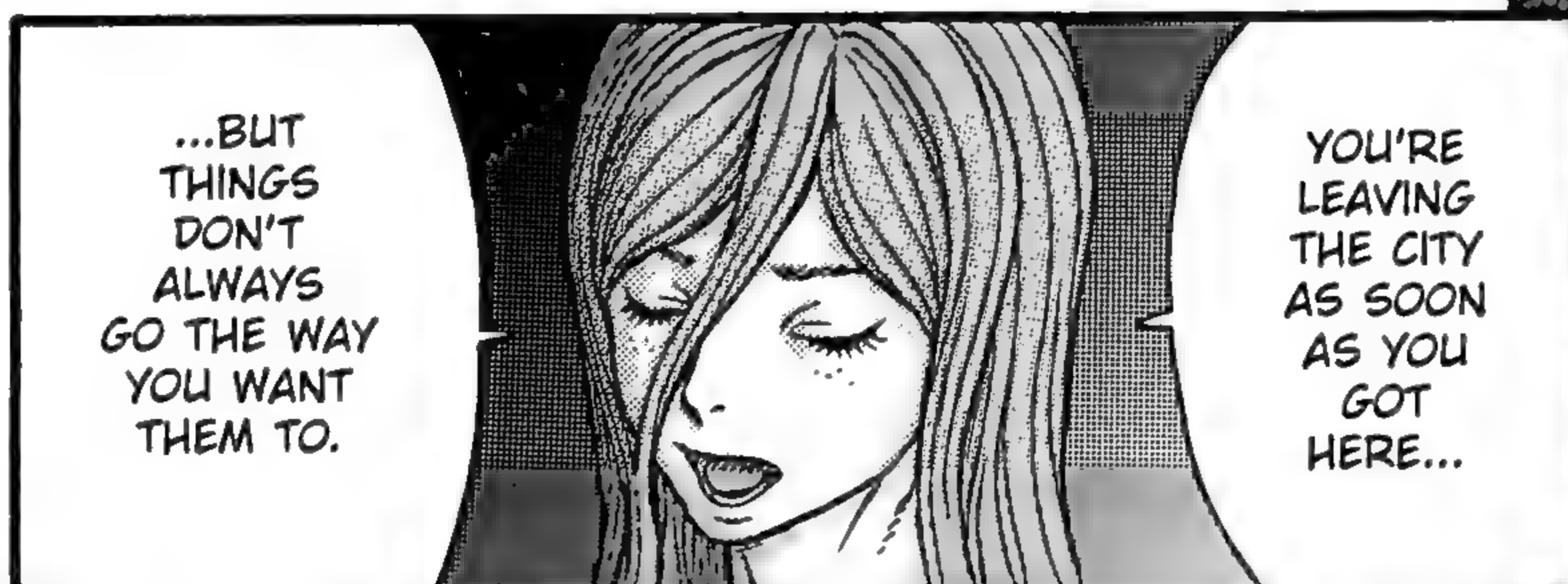
OKAY!

YOU GIRLS GATHER
UP ALL THE
NONPERISHABLE
PROVISIONS
YOU HAVE.

ME,
TOO!

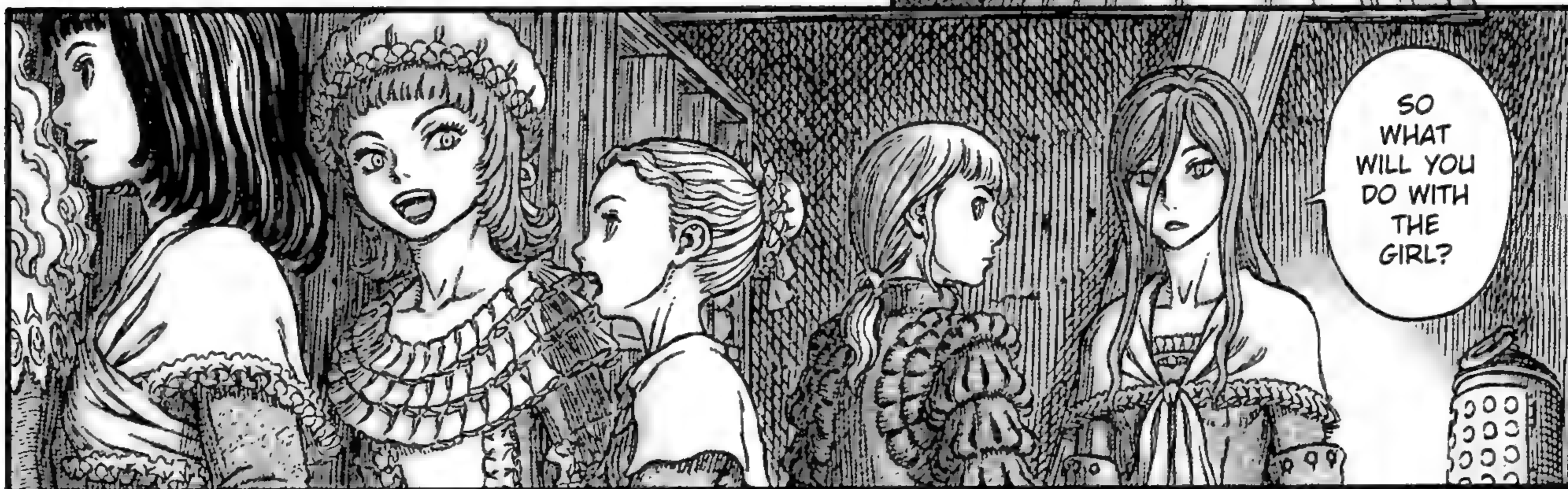


IN THAT
CASE,
THERE'S
NOTHING
TO
SAY.

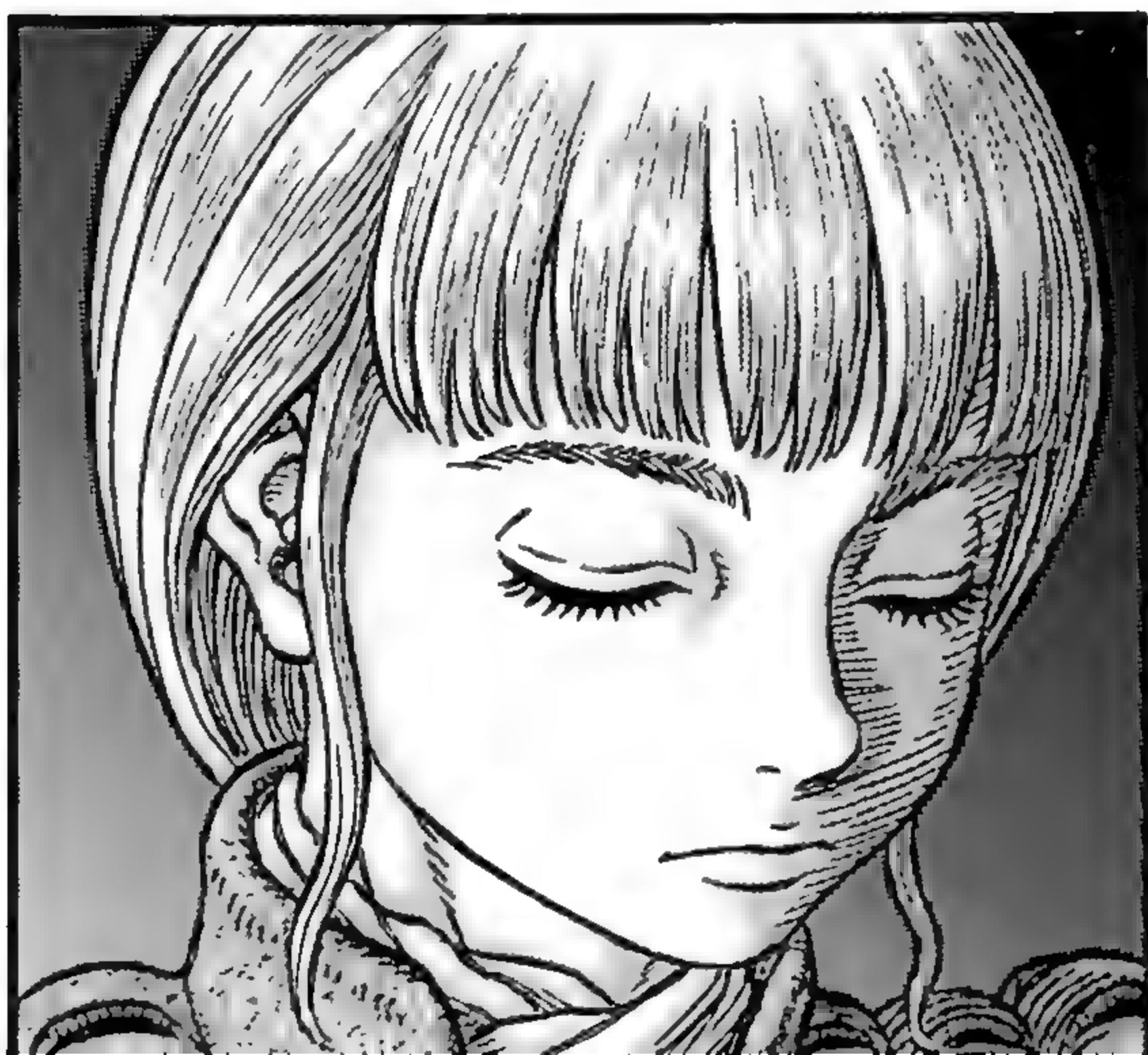


...BUT
THINGS
DON'T
ALWAYS
GO THE WAY
YOU WANT
THEM TO.

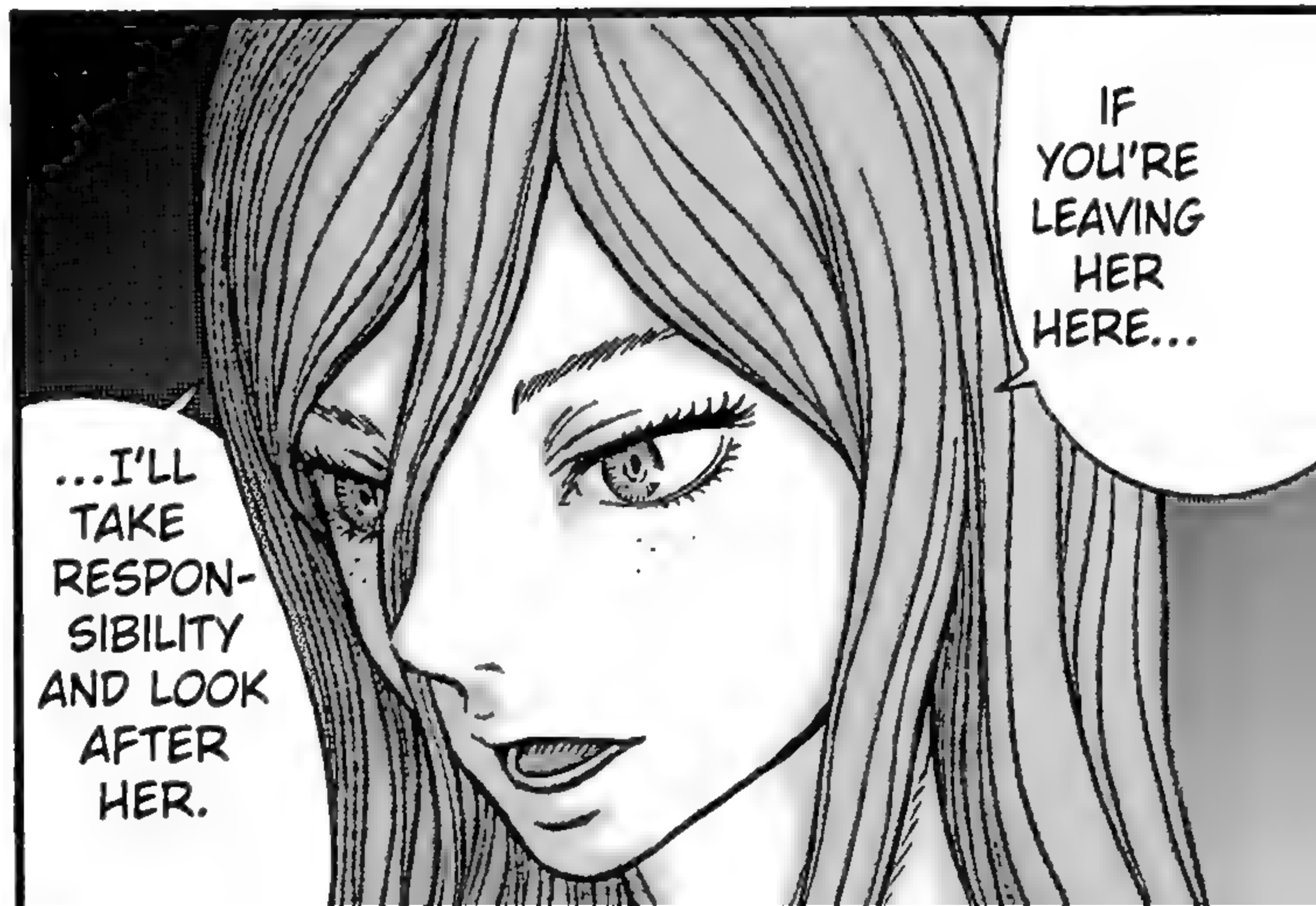
YOU'RE
LEAVING
THE CITY
AS SOON
AS YOU
GOT
HERE...



SO
WHAT
WILL YOU
DO WITH
THE
GIRL?



...I'LL
TAKE
RESPON-
SIBILITY
AND LOOK
AFTER
HER.



IF
YOU'RE
LEAVING
HER
HERE...

I'M NOT
ENTIRELY
SURE
THAT'S
RIGHT...

...BUT
WE'RE
FAMILY.

I'LL
TAKE
ERICA
WITH
ME.

...ALL
RIGHT.

WORK
HARD AND
PROTECT
THEM,
KUSHAN
FELLA!

MAYBE
THOSE TYPES
TURN OUT
TO BE THE
SURVIVORS!

WELL,
HAVING WITH
THEM THOSE
THEY NEED
TO PROTECT
MAKES
PEOPLE
CAUTIOUS!

PAT
PAT
PAT

A DANGEROUS
JOURNEY, WITH
SOMEONE DEAR
TO HIM...
THOUGH
UNLIKE ME,
HE WAS AN
EXTREMELY ABLE
SWORDSMAN
WHO WAS
NEARLY
UNKILLABLE.

LONG AGO,
A FRIEND
LEFT ON A
JOURNEY FOR THE
SAME REASON
I AM
NOW.

WHAT?

HHMM...

I'M
SURE
OF IT...

KNOWING
HIM...

...HE'S
STILL
OUT
THERE
SOME-
WHERE.





B

E

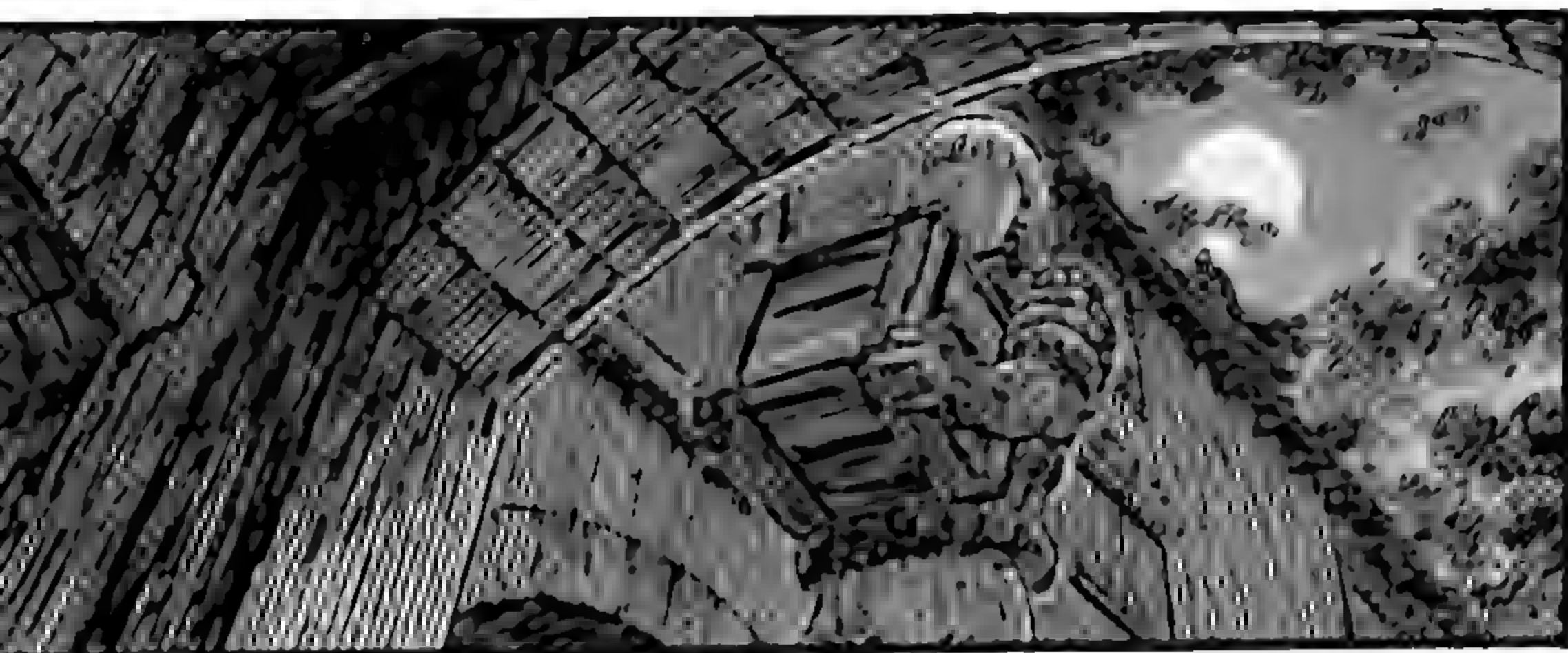
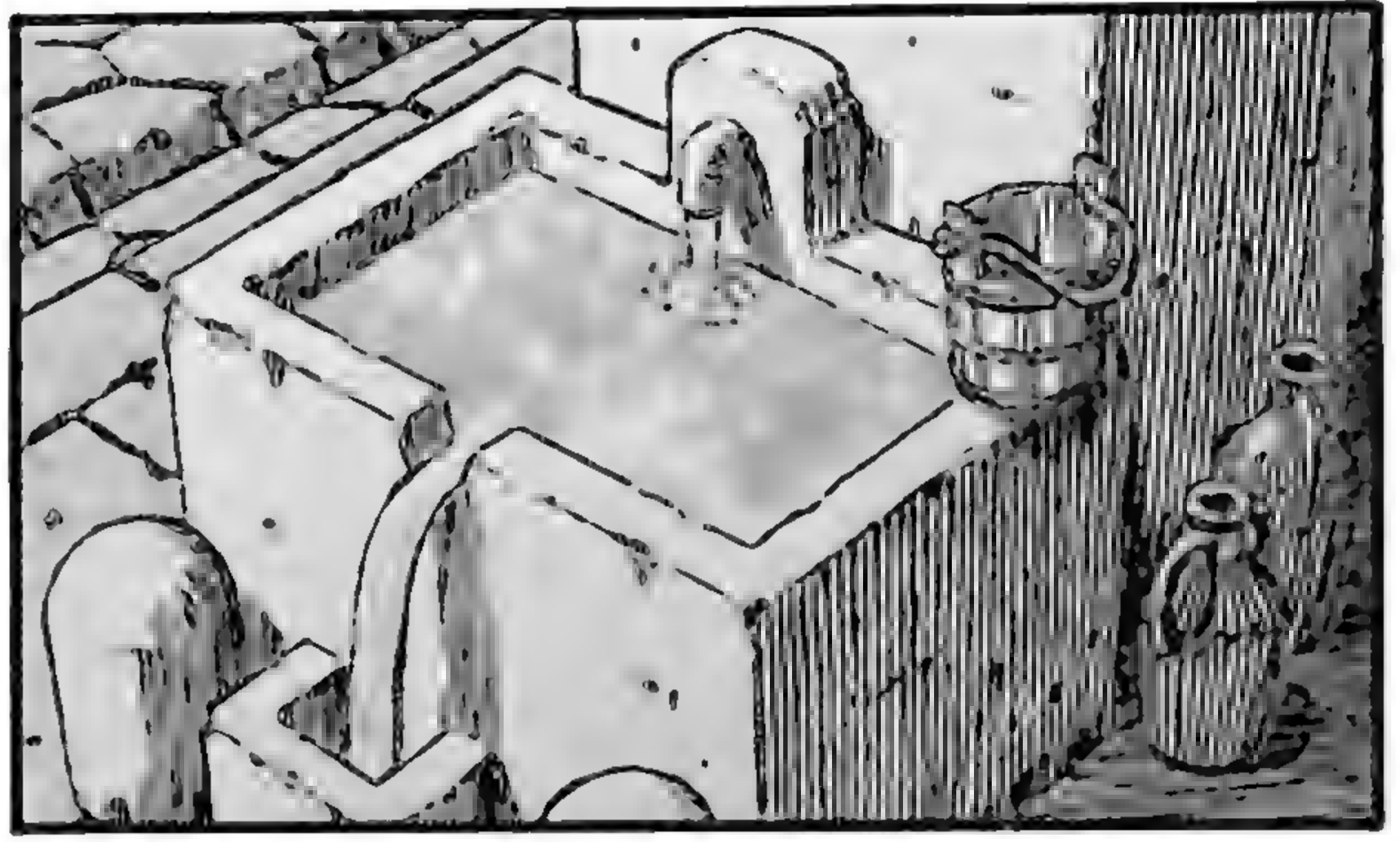
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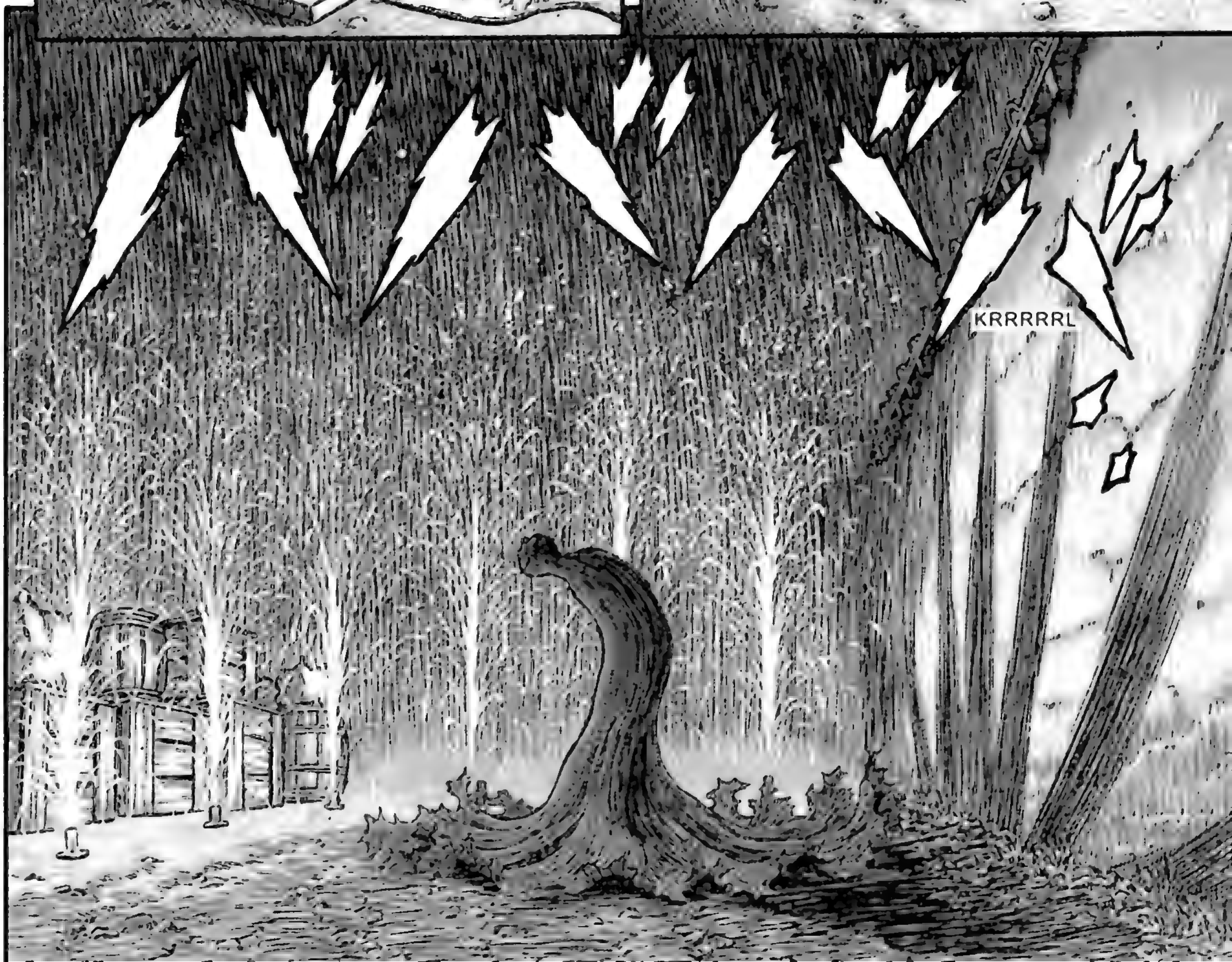
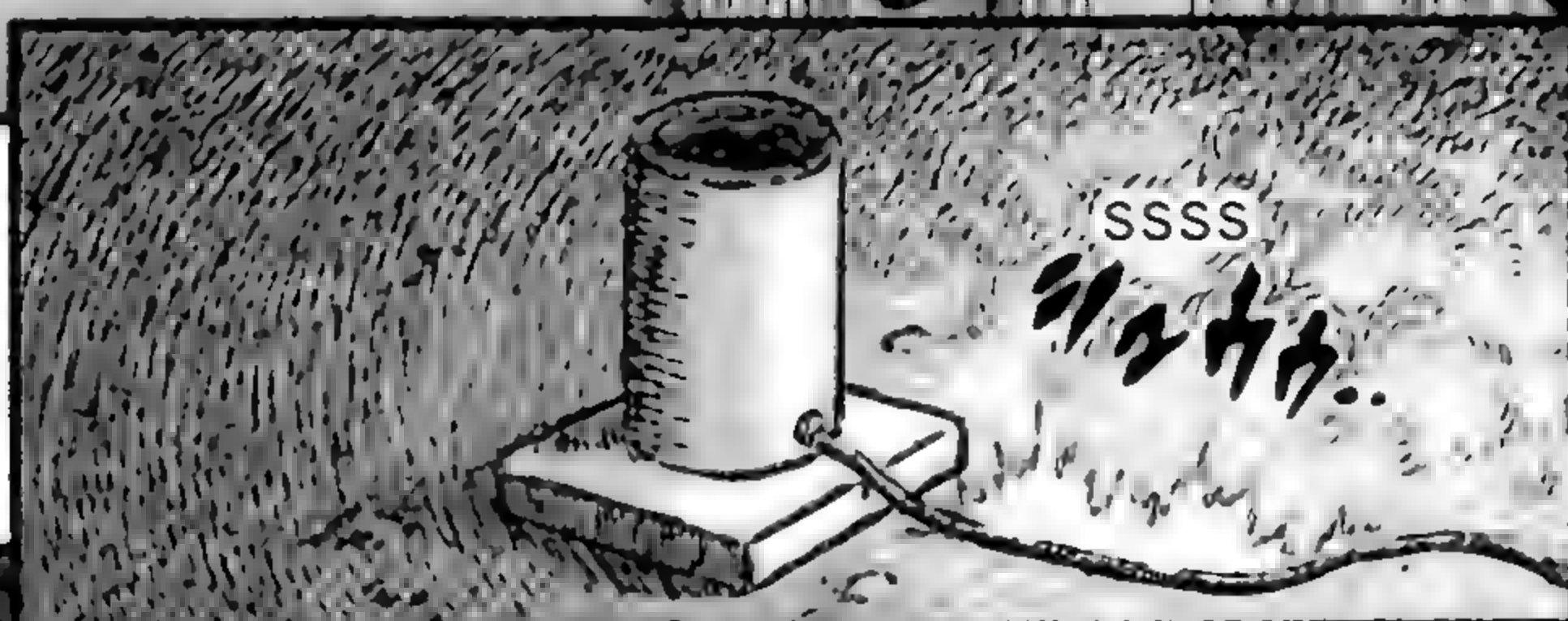
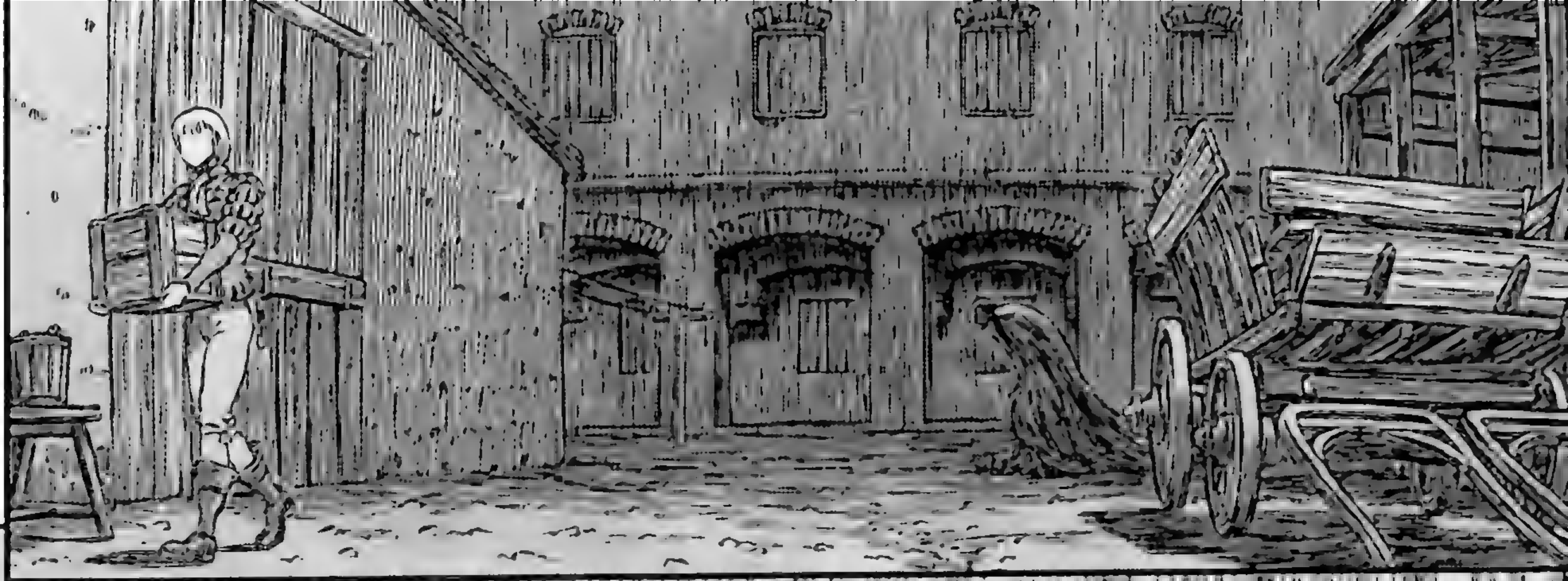
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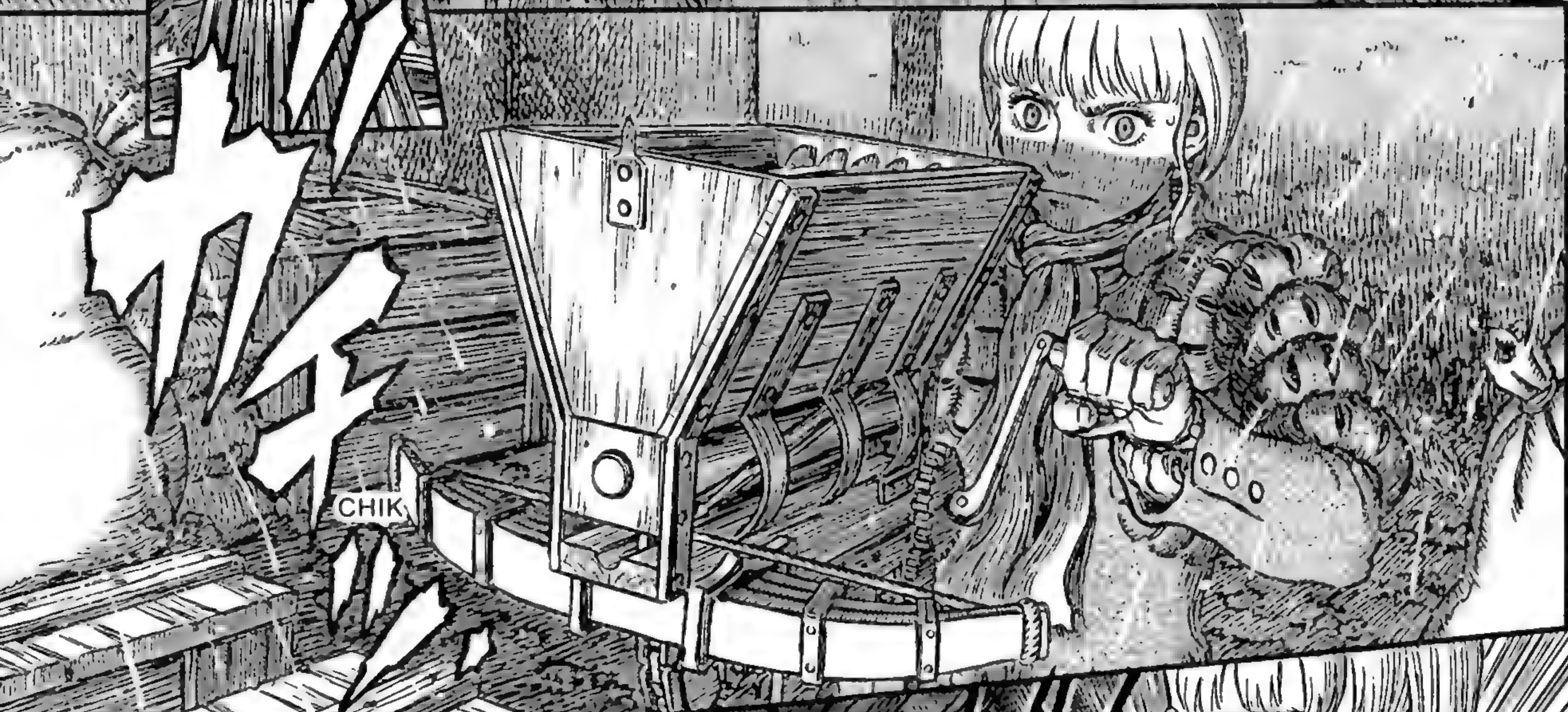
幻造世界ファンタジア／篇／妖精島の章

暗闘

NIGHT FIGHT







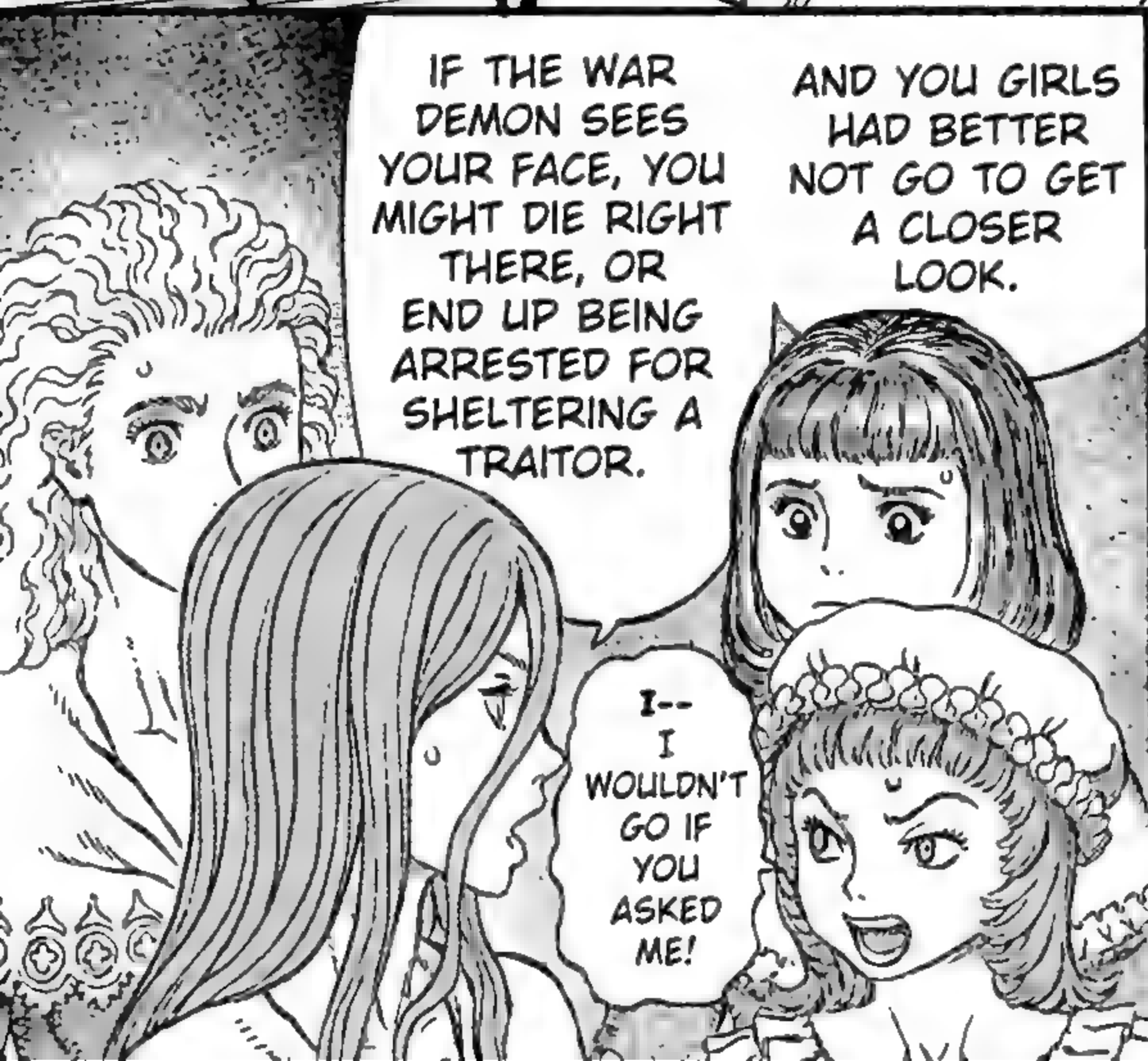
CHIK



THNK

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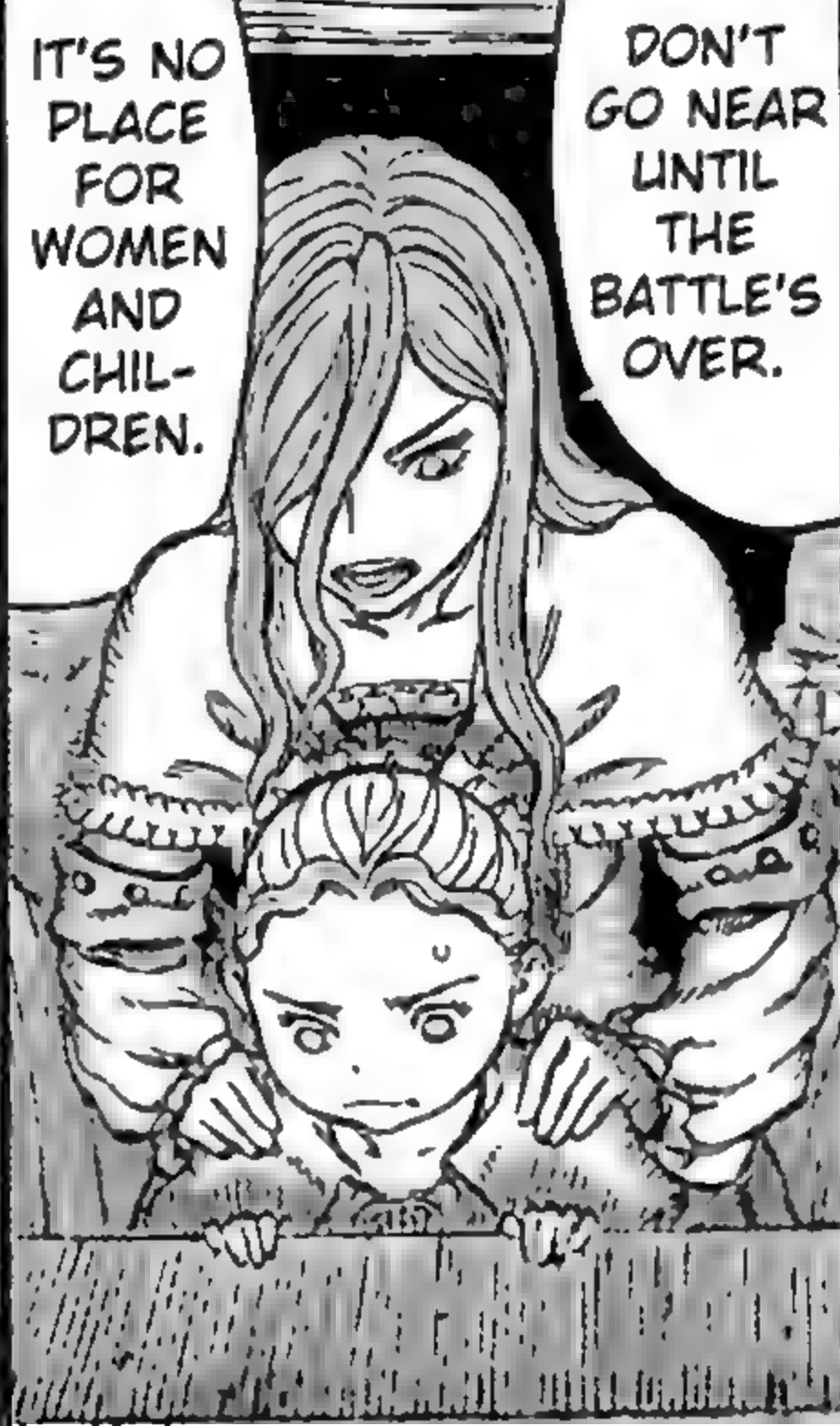
THNK



IF THE WAR
DEMON SEES
YOUR FACE, YOU
MIGHT DIE RIGHT
THERE, OR
END UP BEING
ARRESTED FOR
SHELTERING A
TRAITOR.

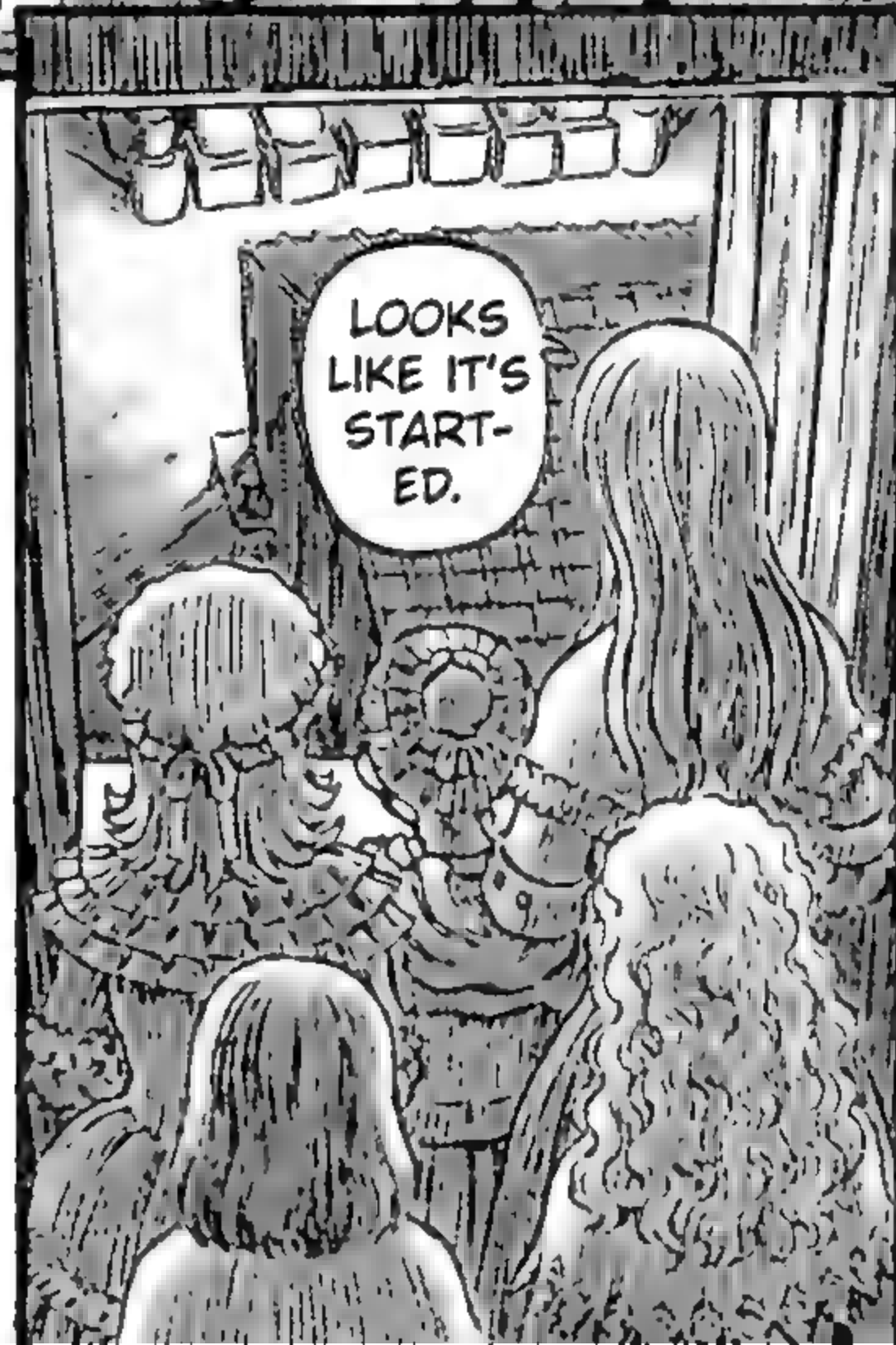
AND YOU GIRLS
HAD BETTER
NOT GO TO GET
A CLOSER
LOOK.

I--
I
WOULDN'T
GO IF
YOU
ASKED
ME!



IT'S NO
PLACE
FOR
WOMEN
AND
CHILDREN.

DON'T
GO NEAR
UNTIL
THE
BATTLE'S
OVER.



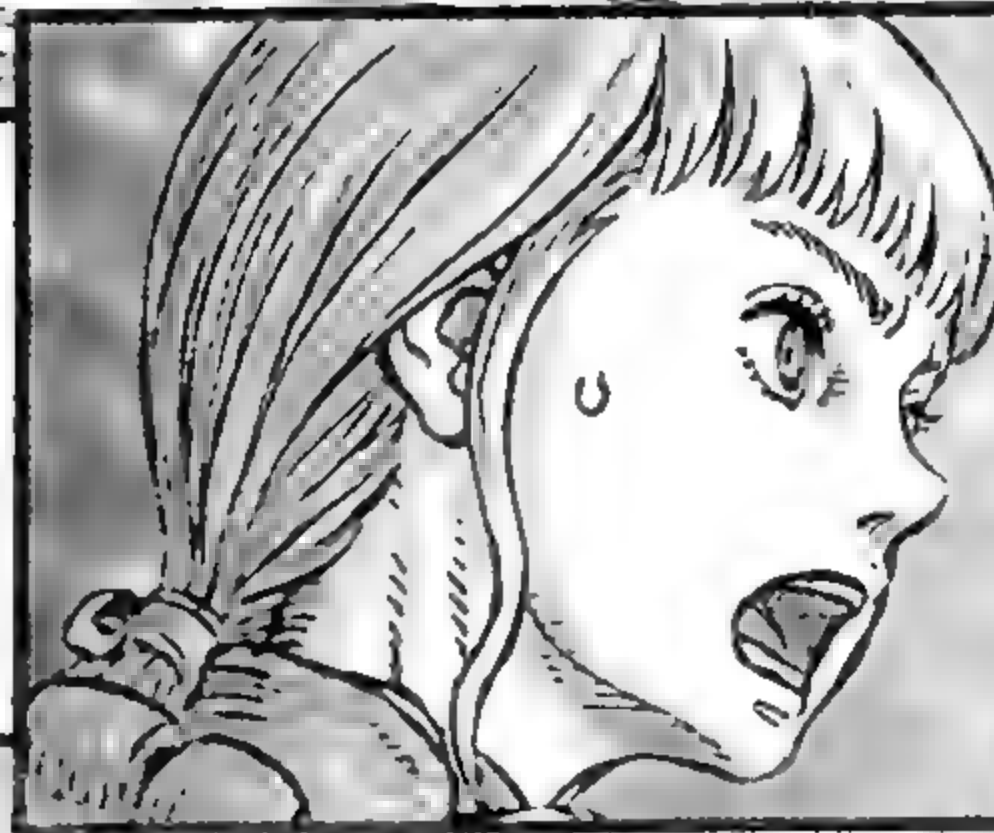
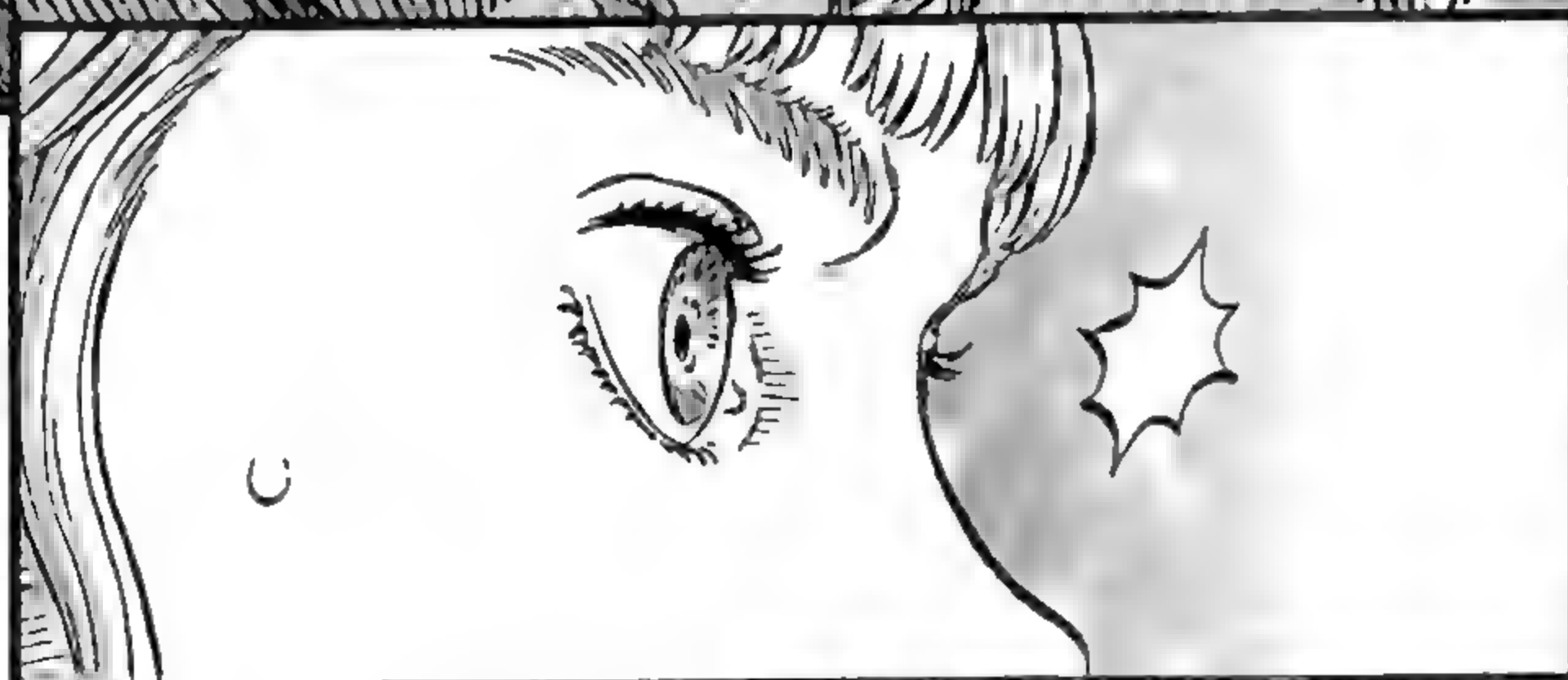
LOOKS
LIKE IT'S
STARTED.



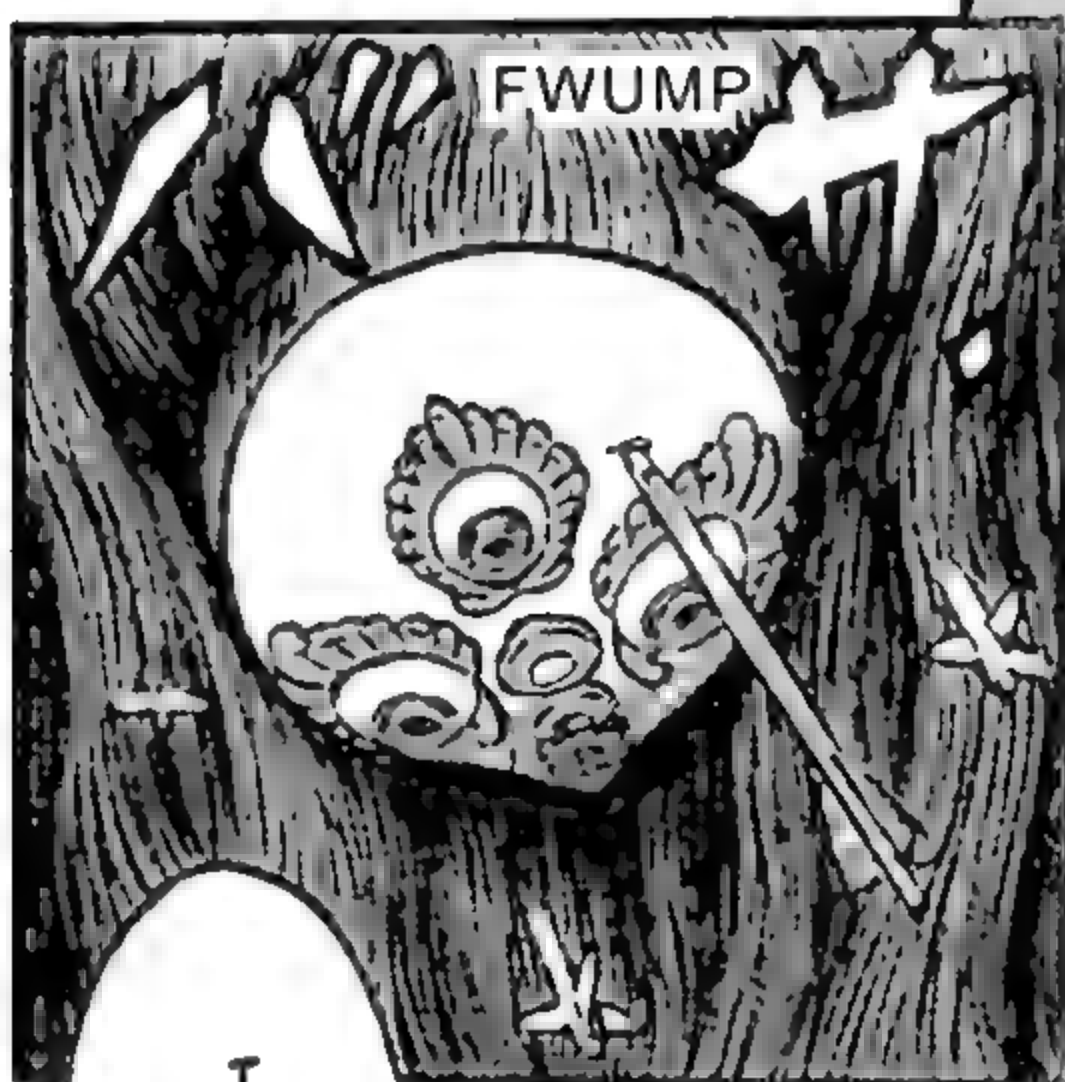
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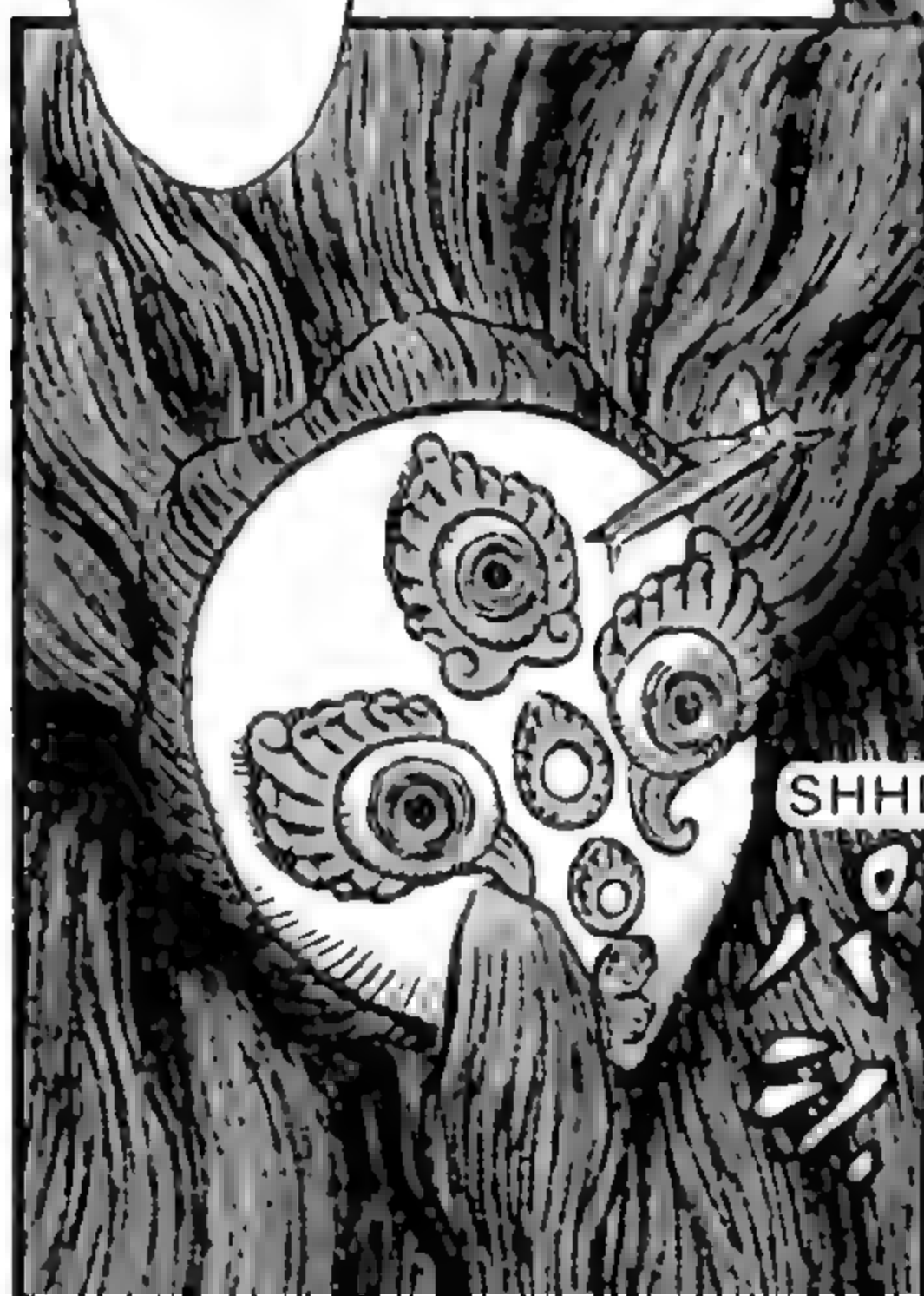


I
GOT
HIM...!



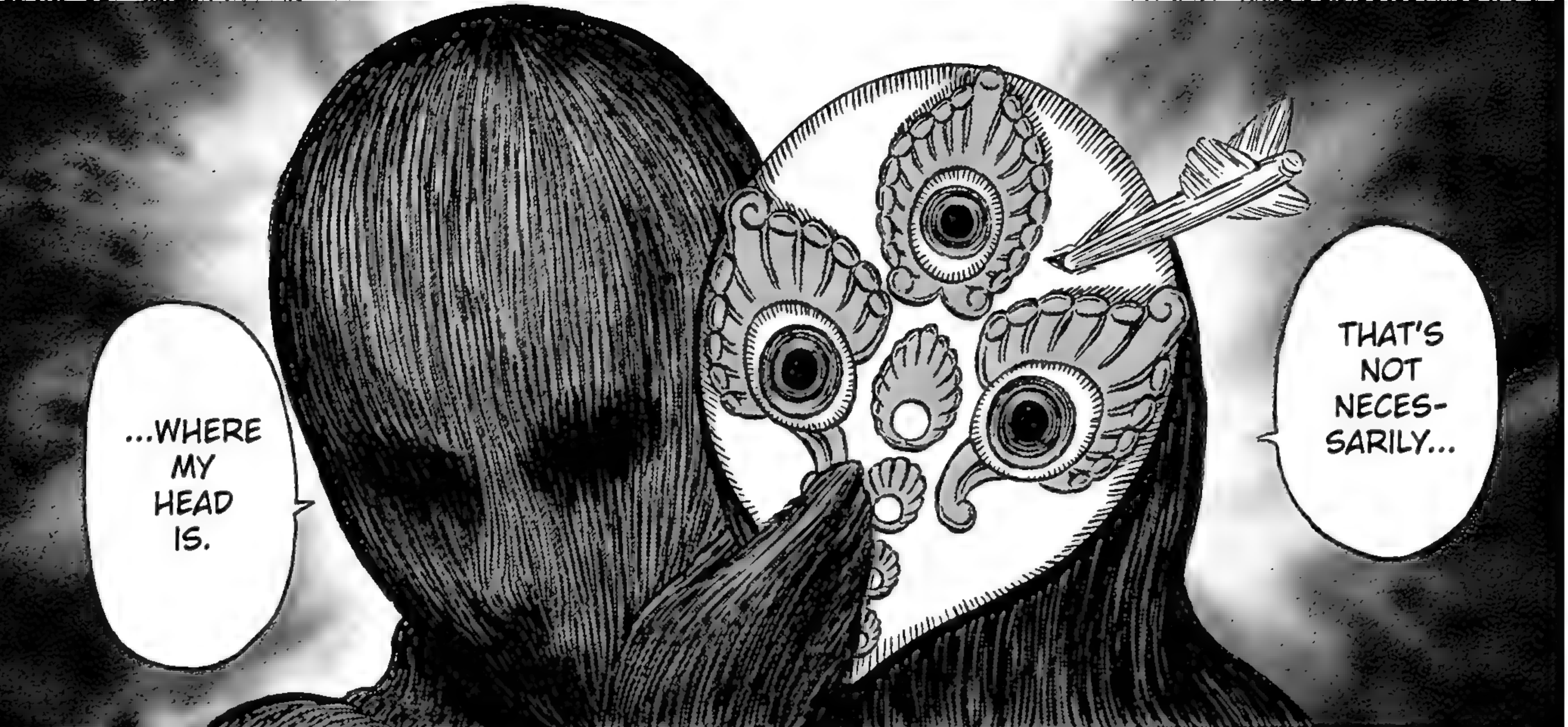
FWUMP

I
TOLD
YOU.



SHHP





...WHERE MY HEAD IS.

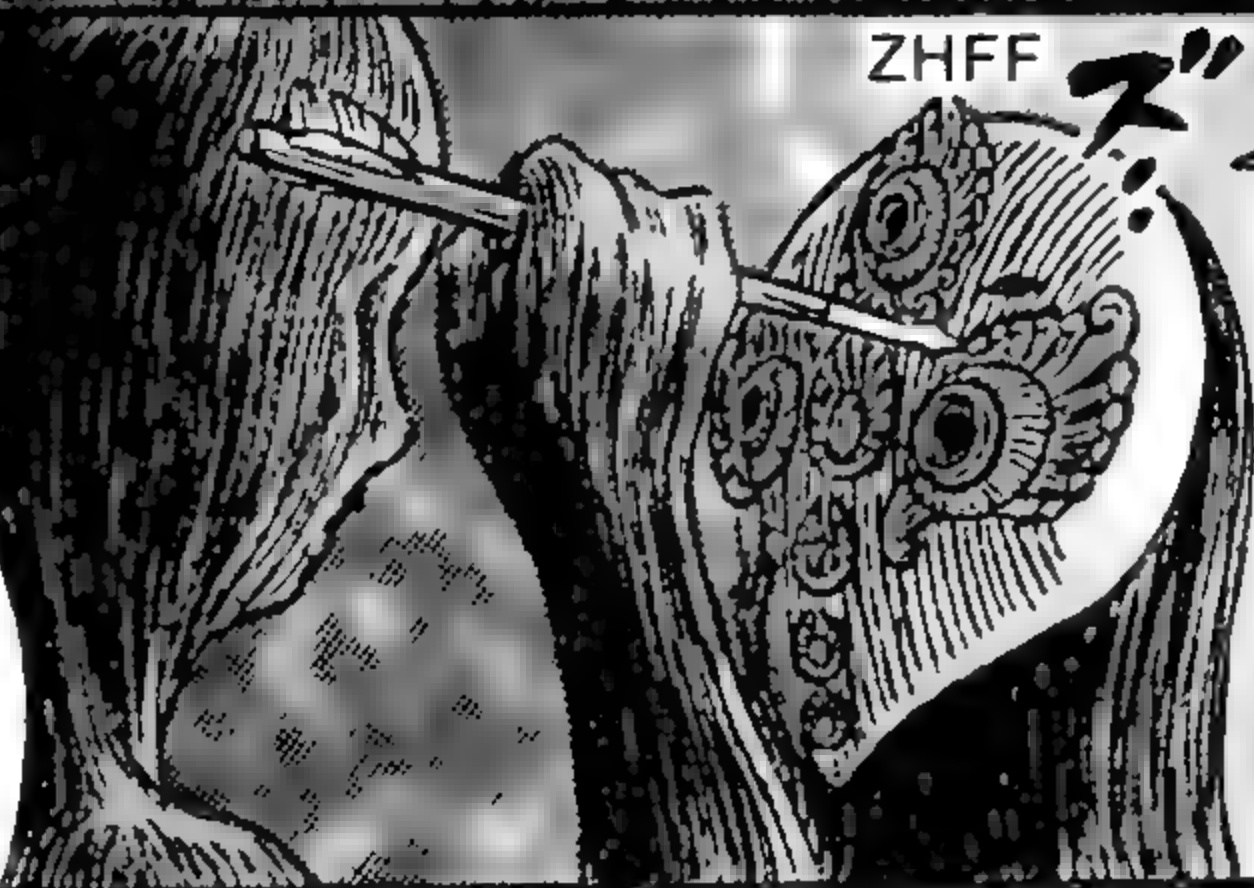
THAT'S NOT NECESSARILY...



THNK

NOW IT'S DAMAGED ALREADY.

TODAY IS NOTHING BUT SADNESS...
SNIFF

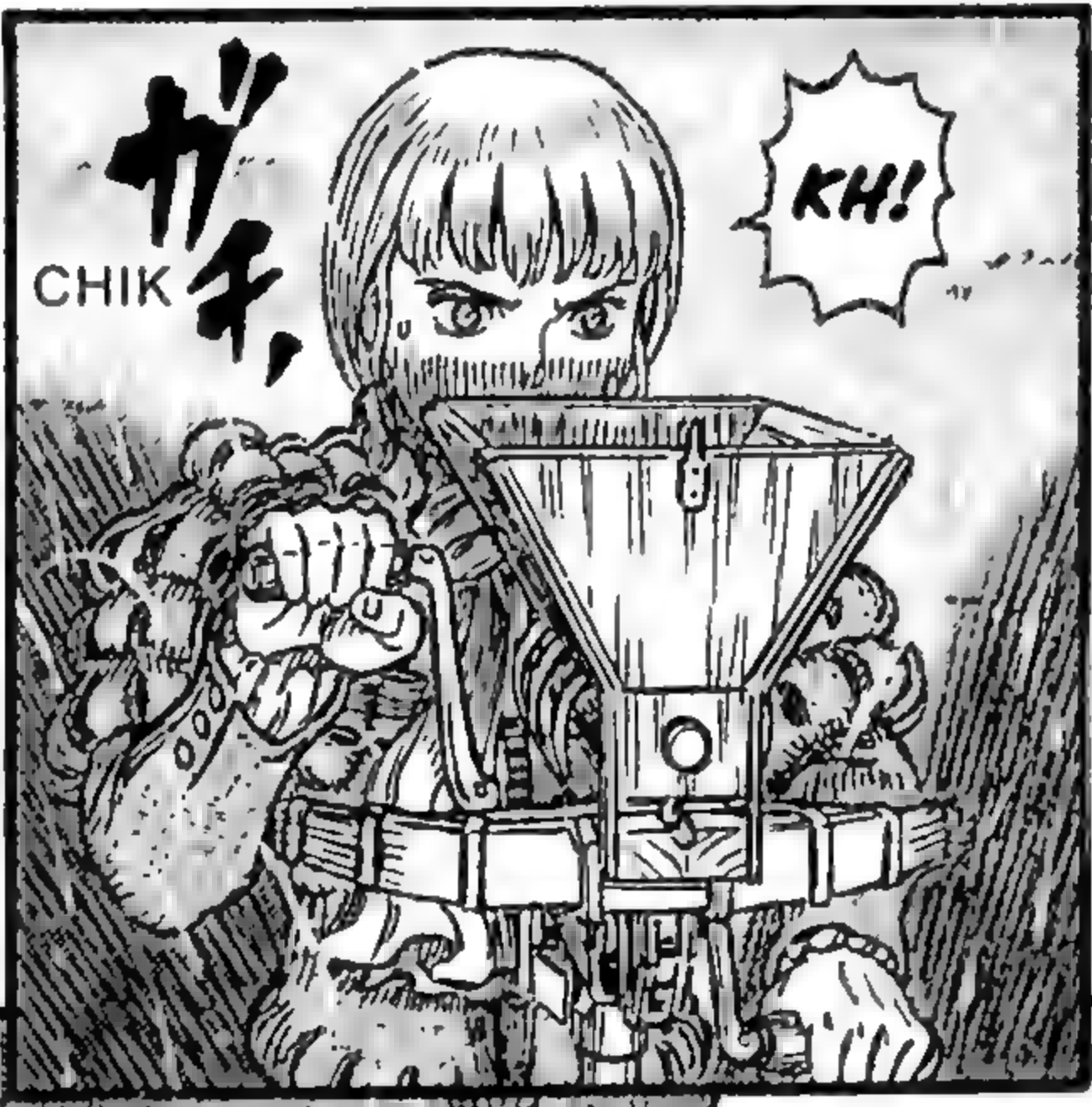


ZHFF Z"

THIS WAS NEW AND EVERYTHING.

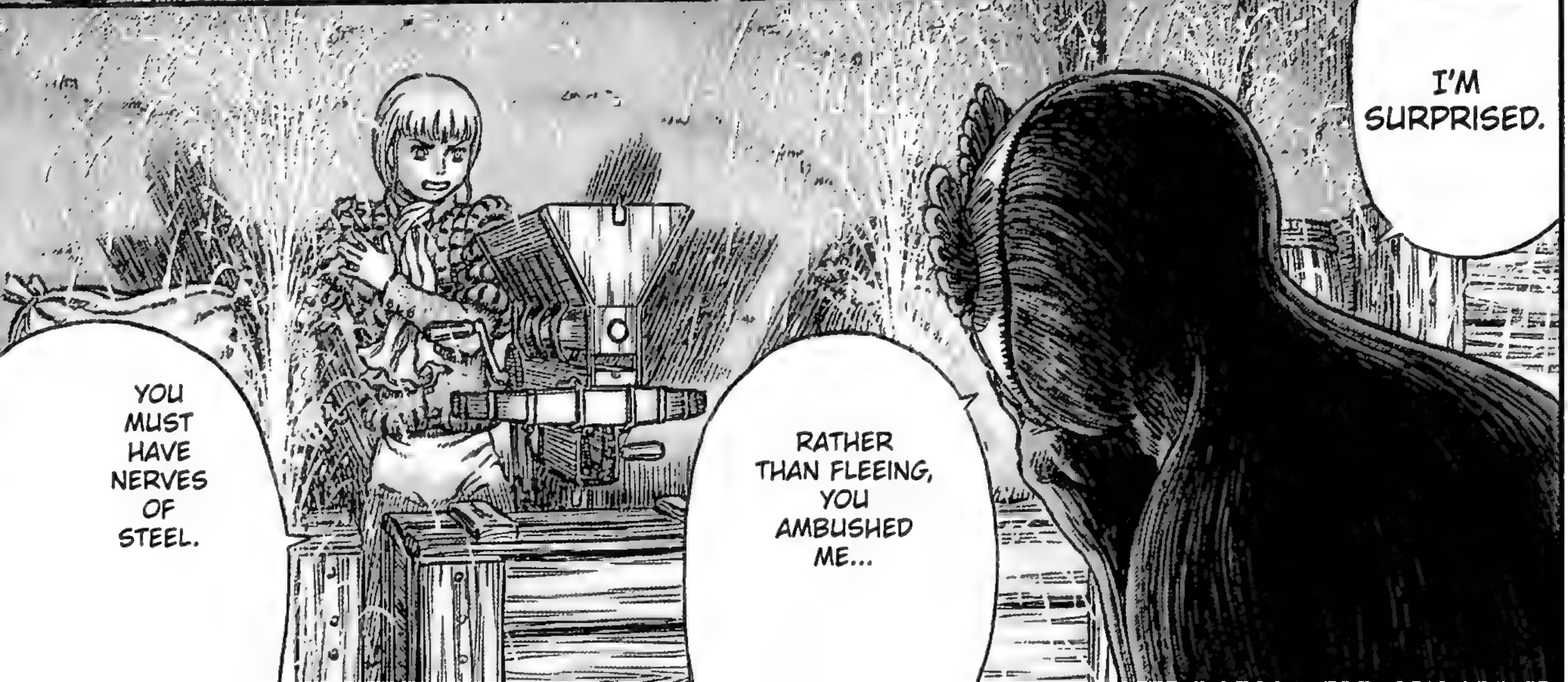


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CHIK

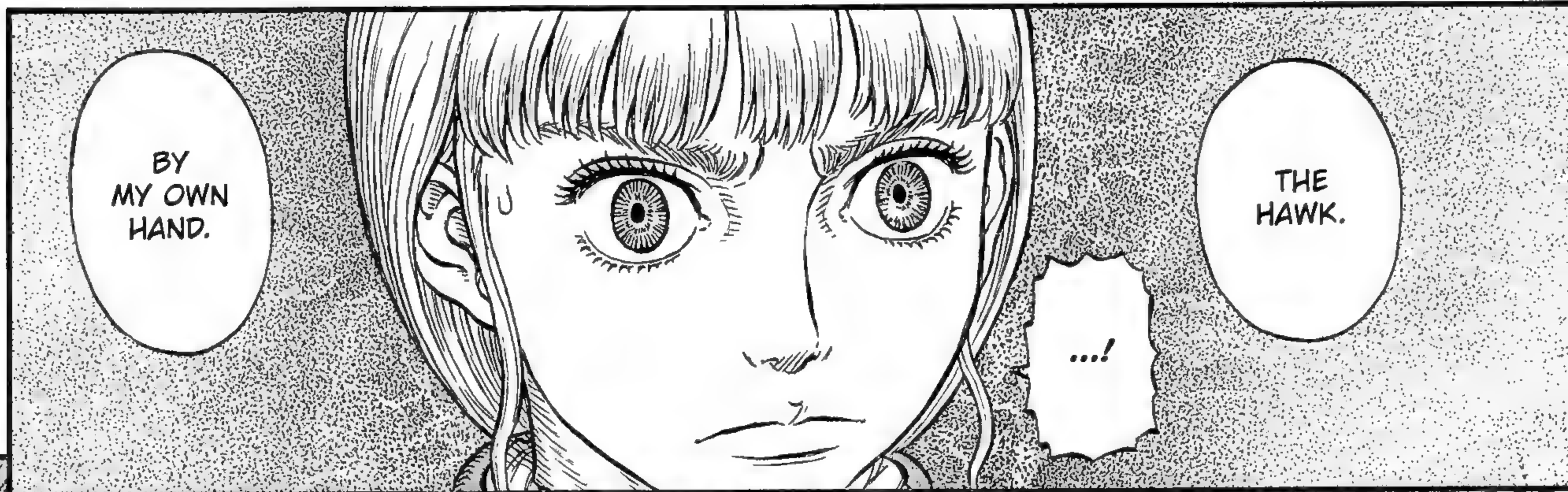
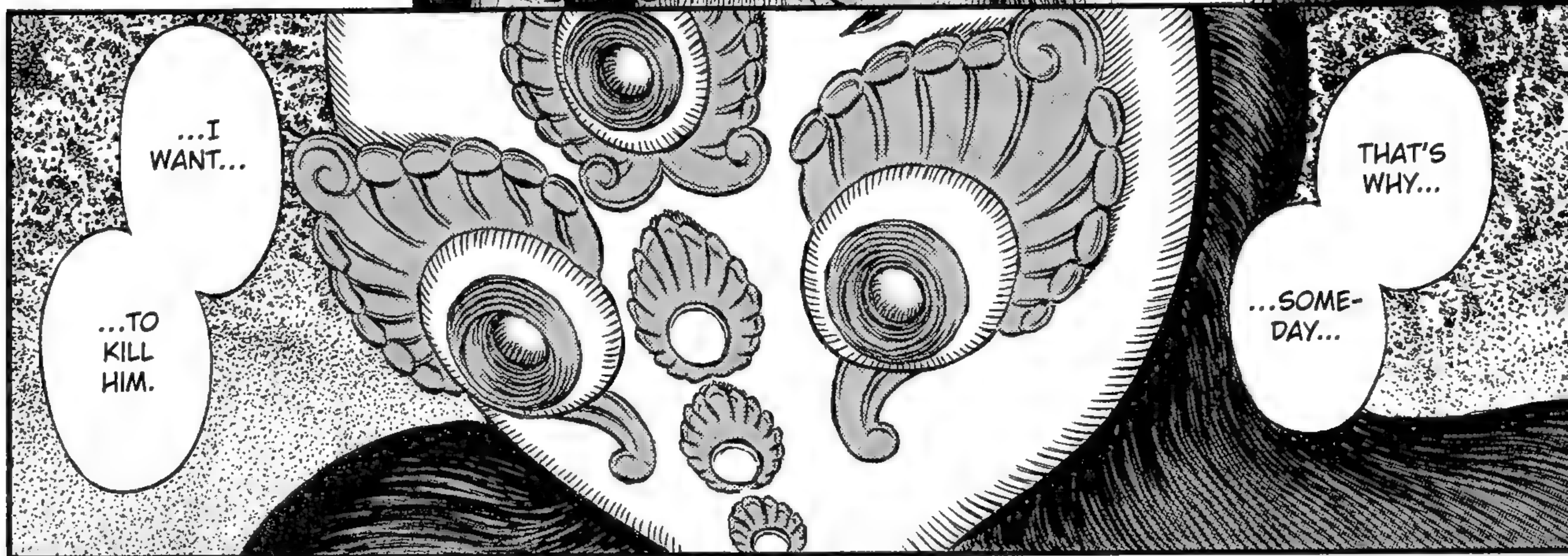
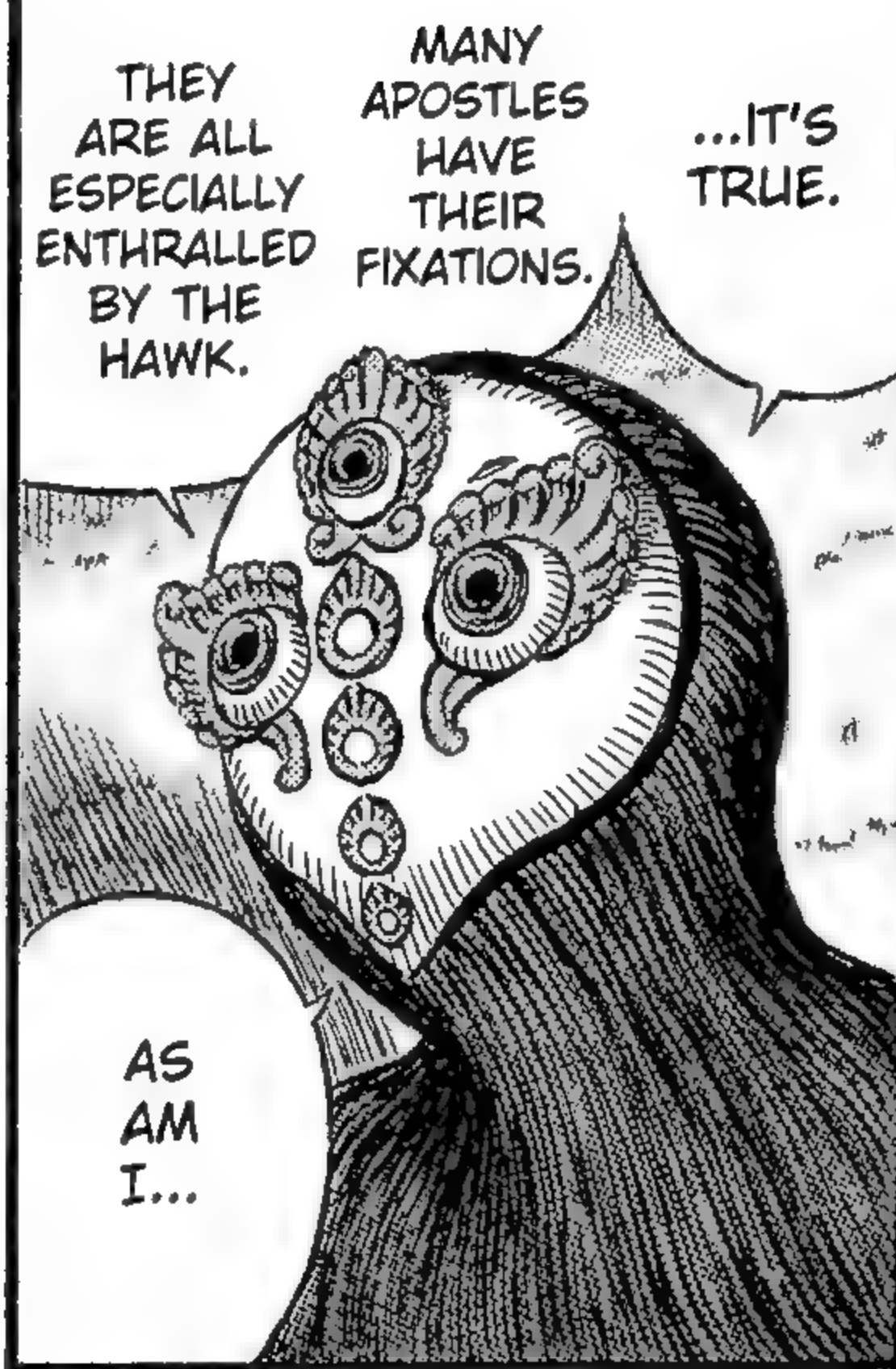
KH!



YOU MUST HAVE NERVES OF STEEL.

RATHER THAN FLEEING, YOU AMBUSHED ME...

I'M SURPRISED.





VASSSH



URUMI...



HYNN

...BUT FOR A BAKIRAKA, IT'S FATAL.

MAYBE YOU ARE INDEED A NATURAL-BORN KILLER...

HYNN

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THRILL KILLER.



HE
DOESN'T
TOY
WITH
IT!!

AN
ASSASSIN
IS ONE
WHO
ADMIN-
ISTERS
DEATH!!

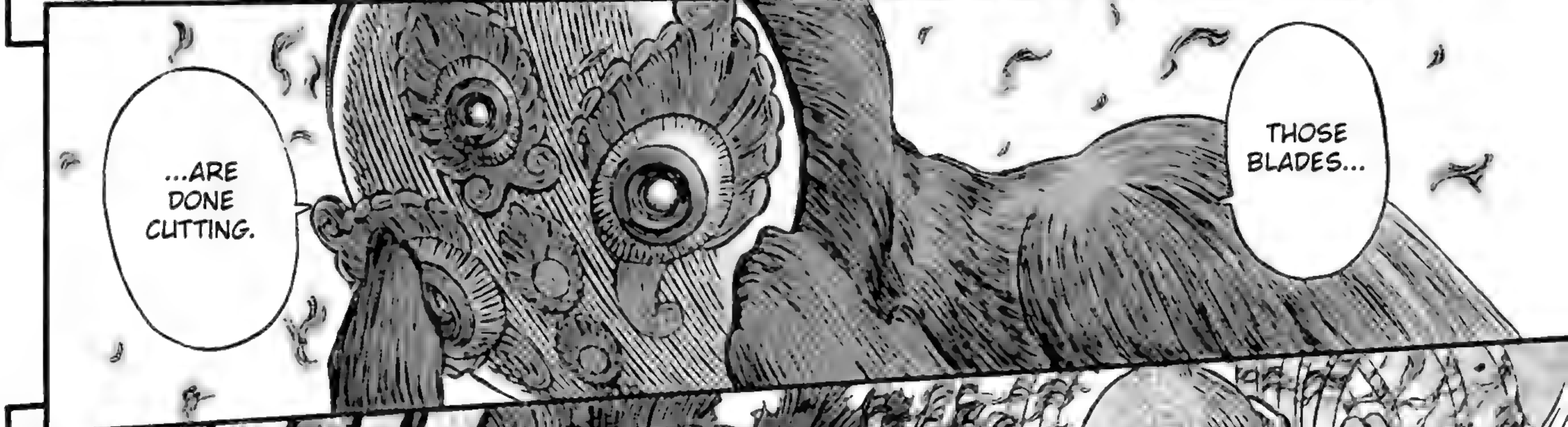
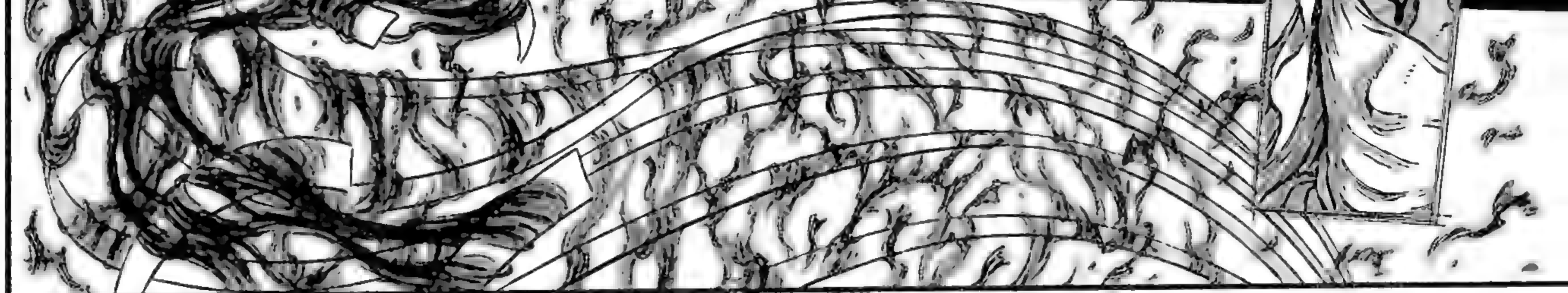
I'LL
CARVE
YOU UP,
RAGS
AND ALL!

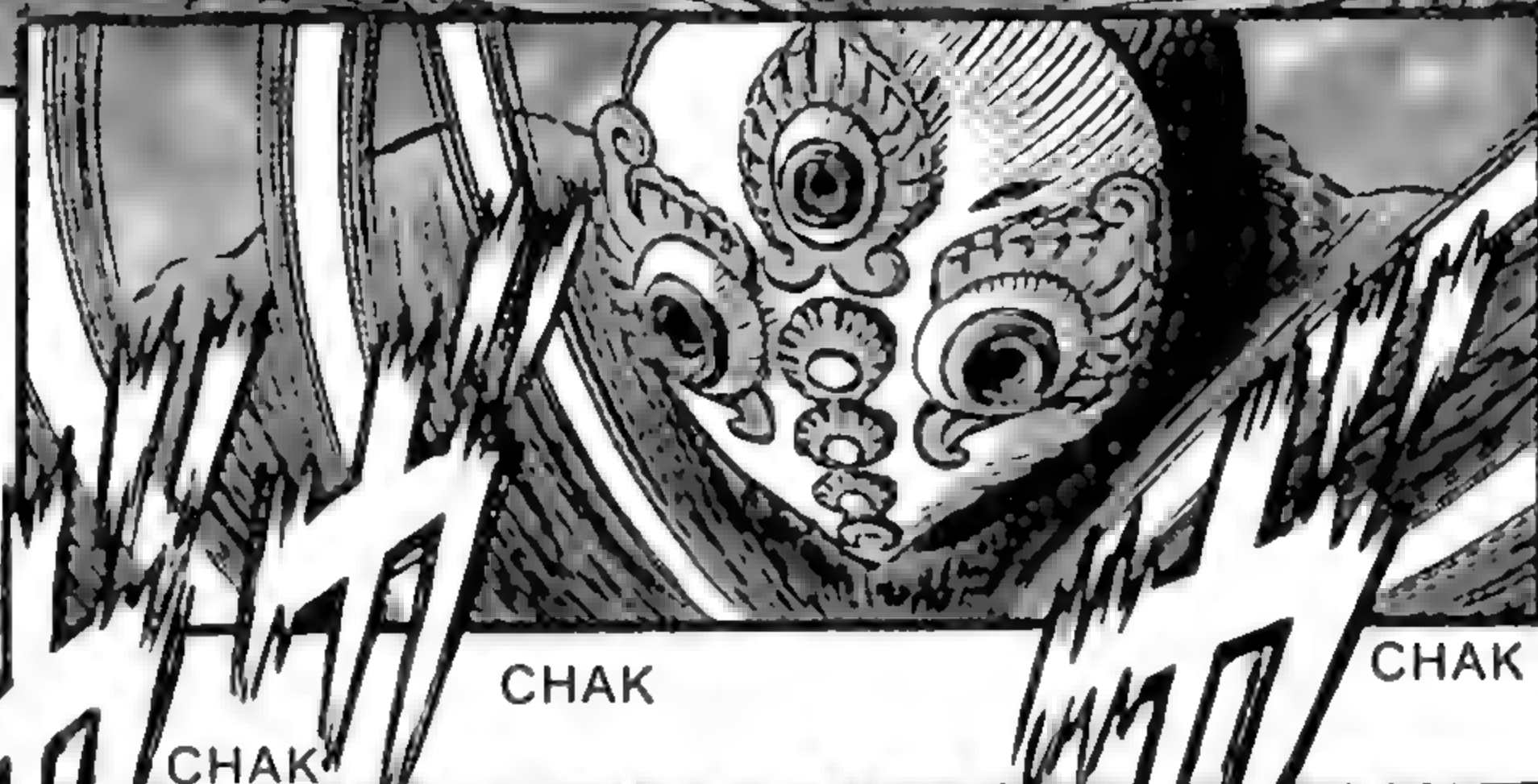


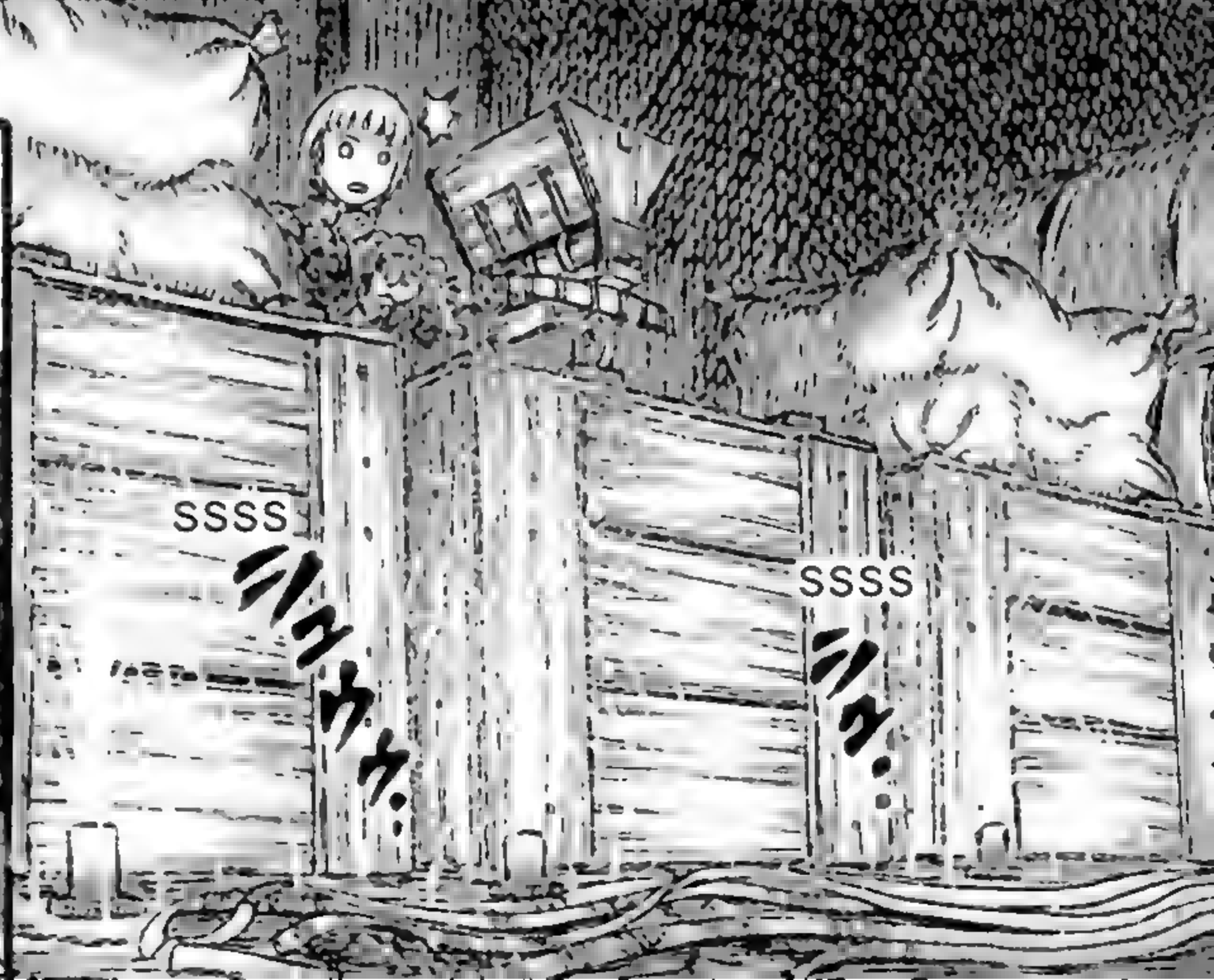
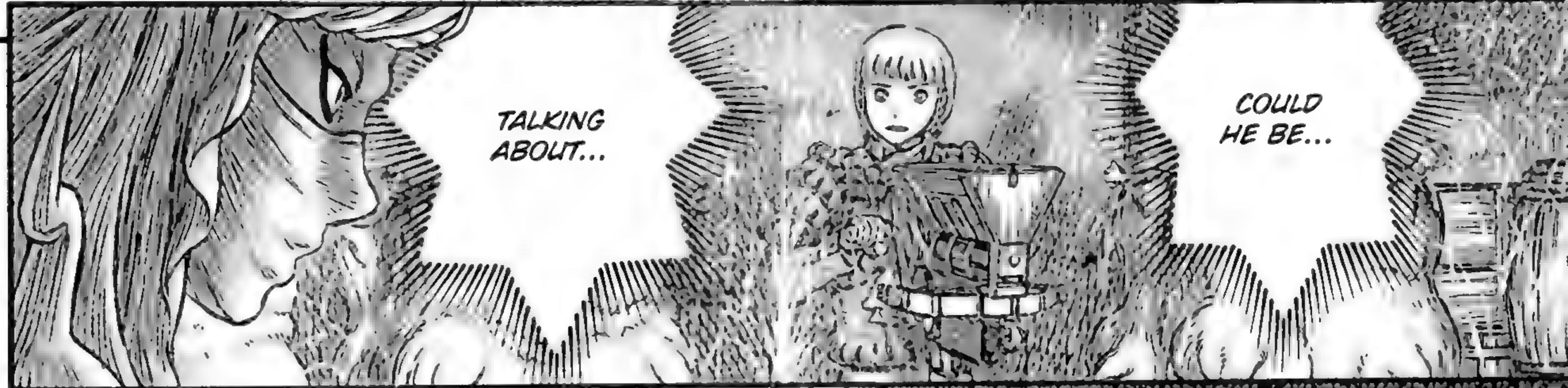
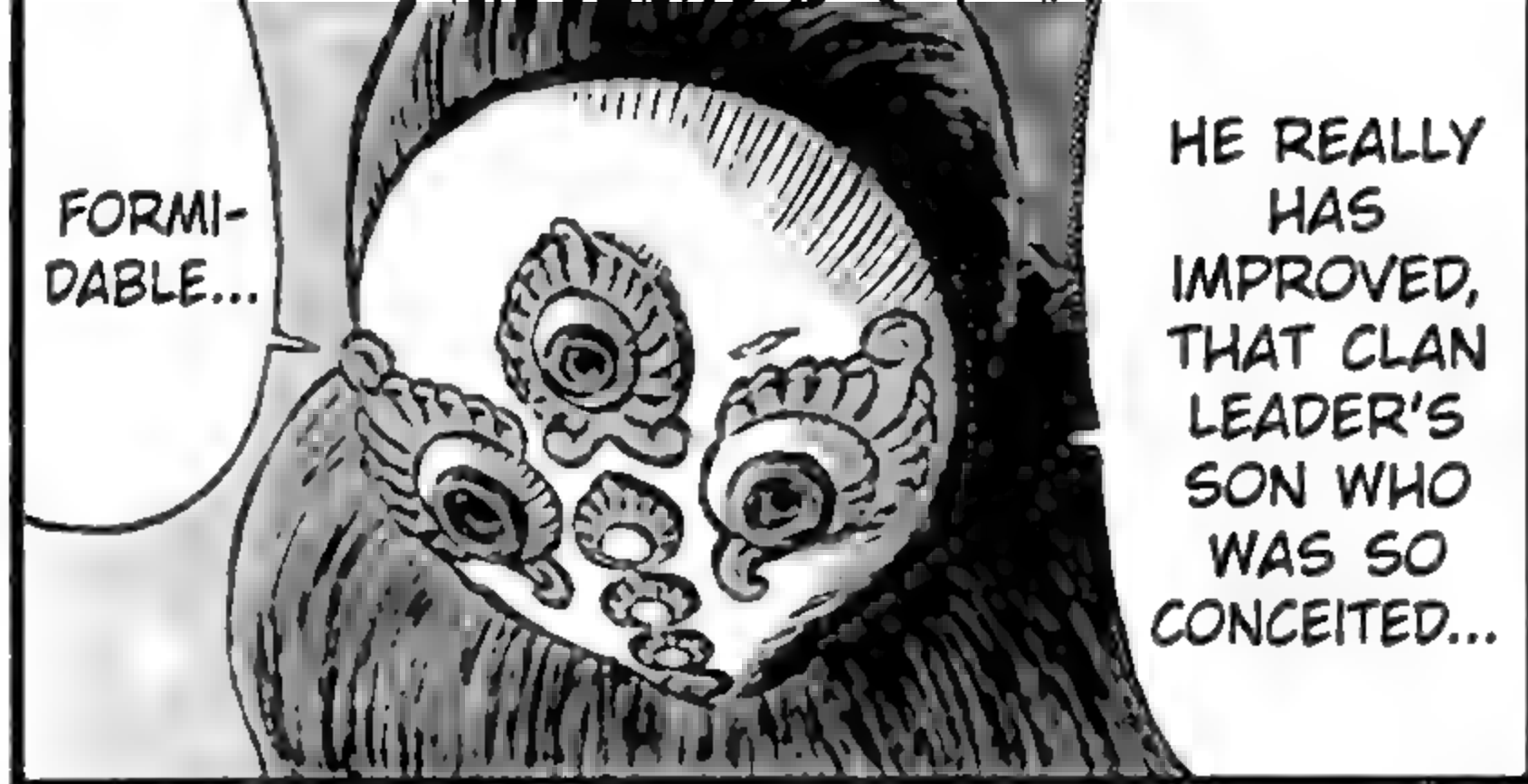
WOW...!

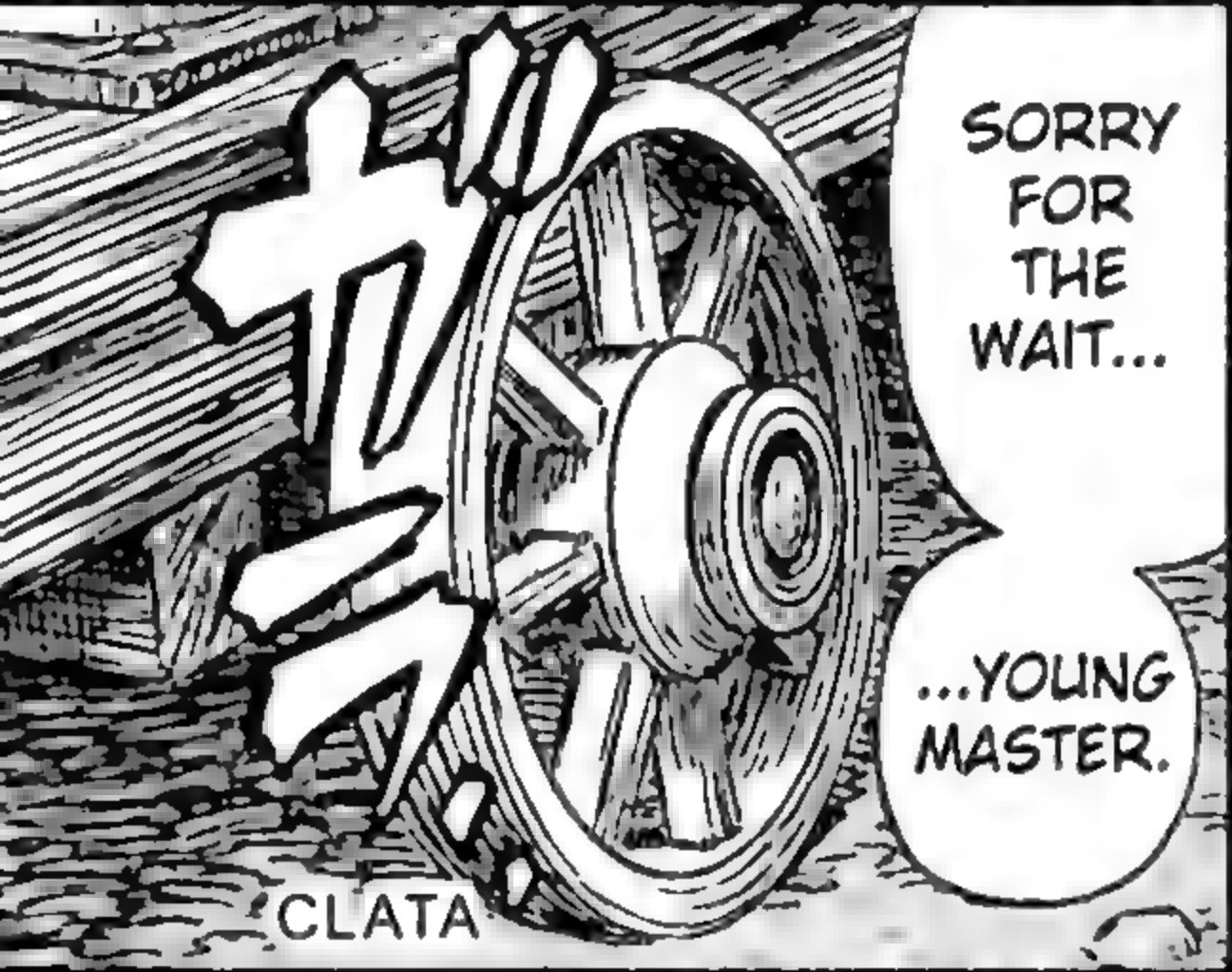
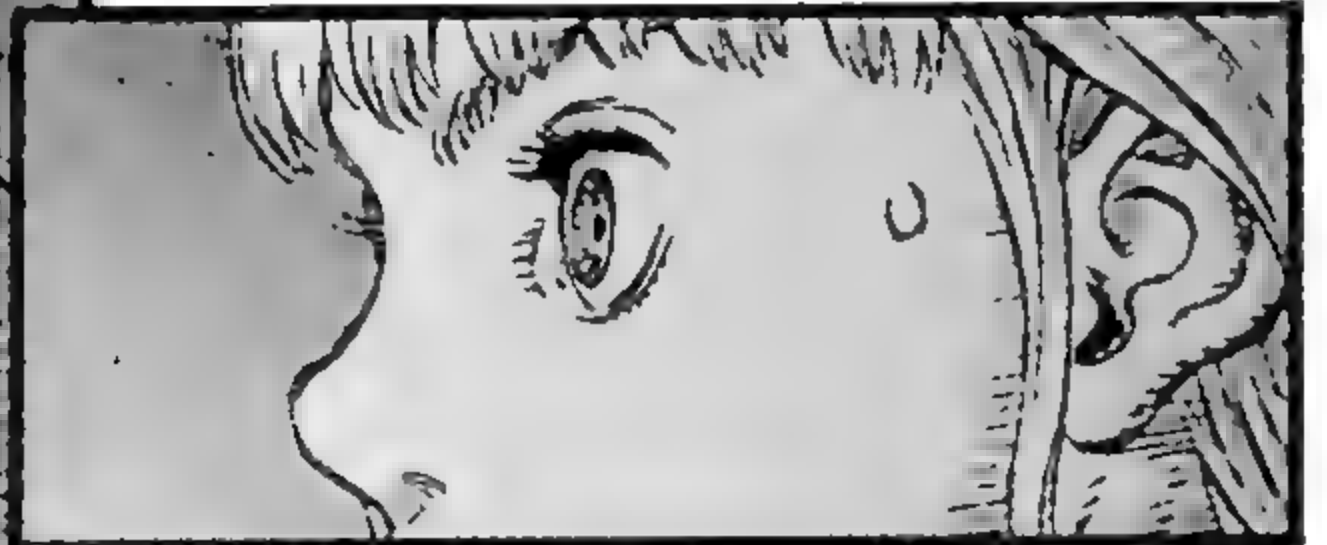
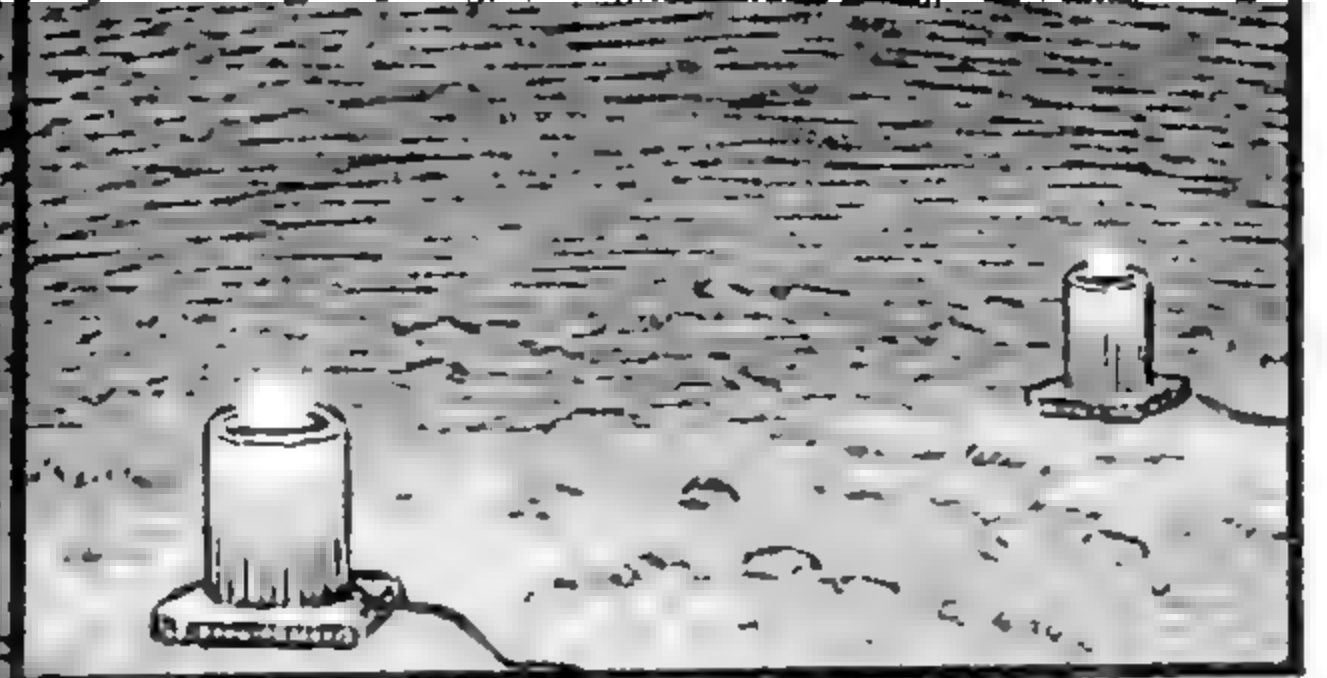
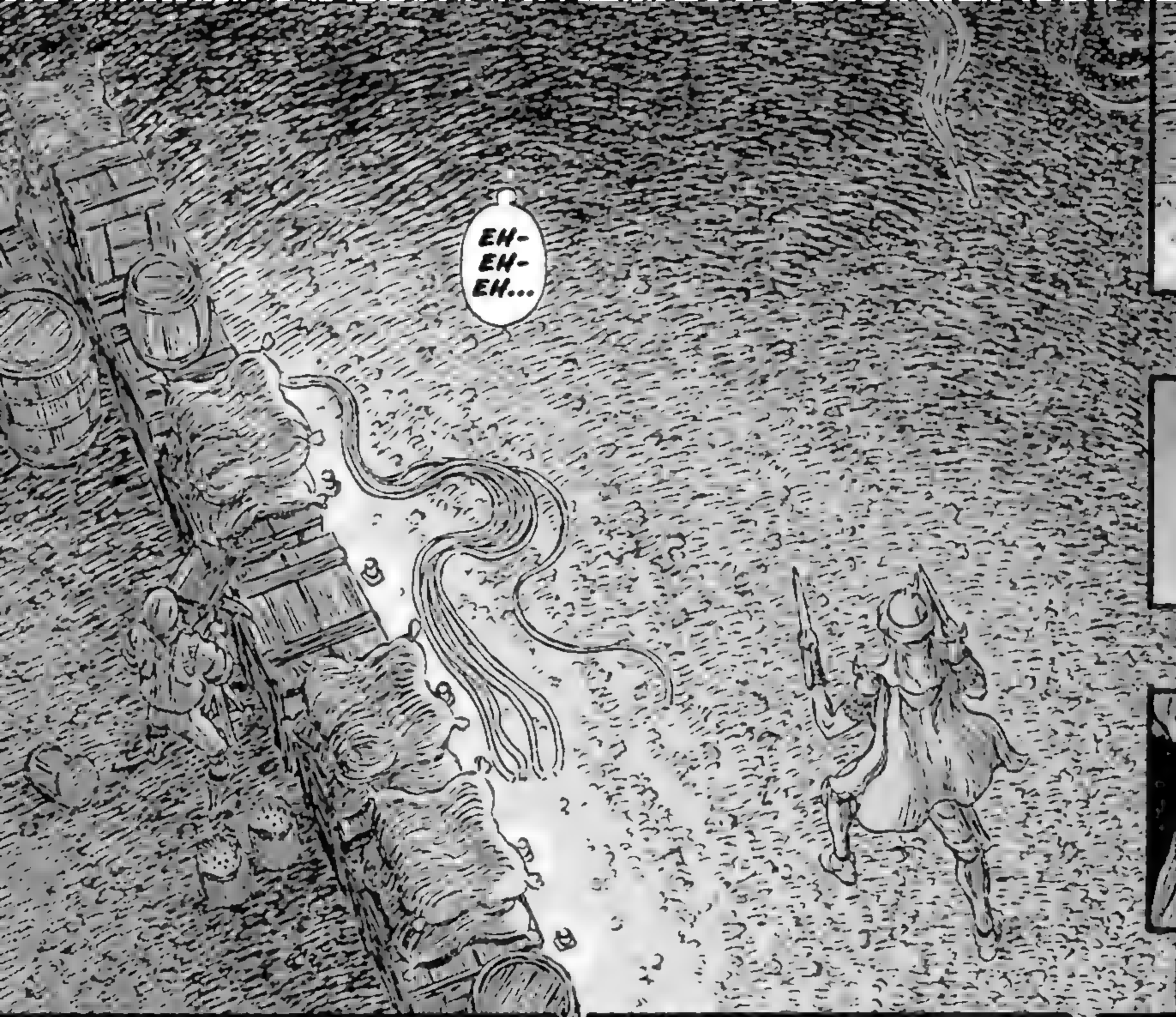


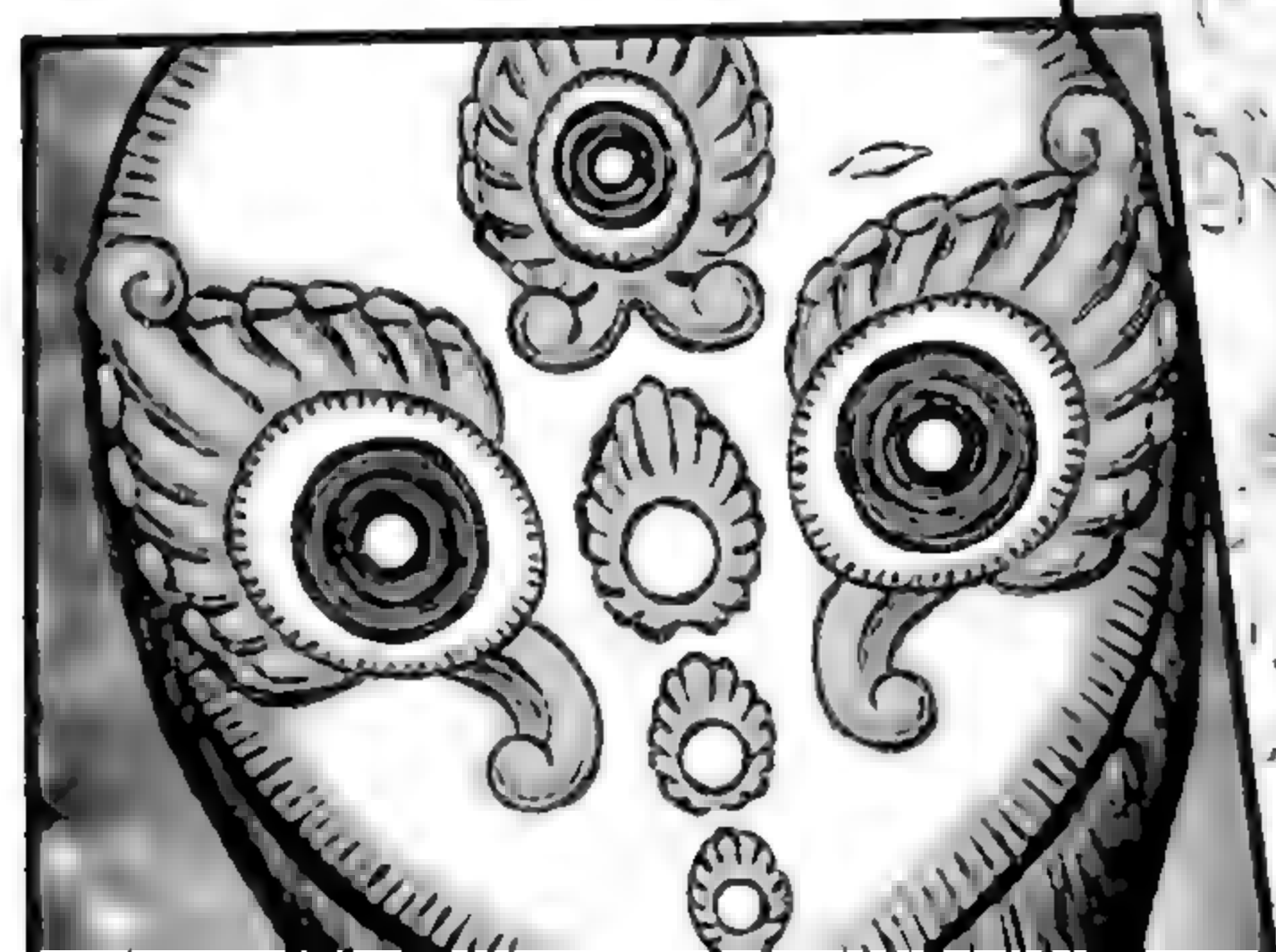
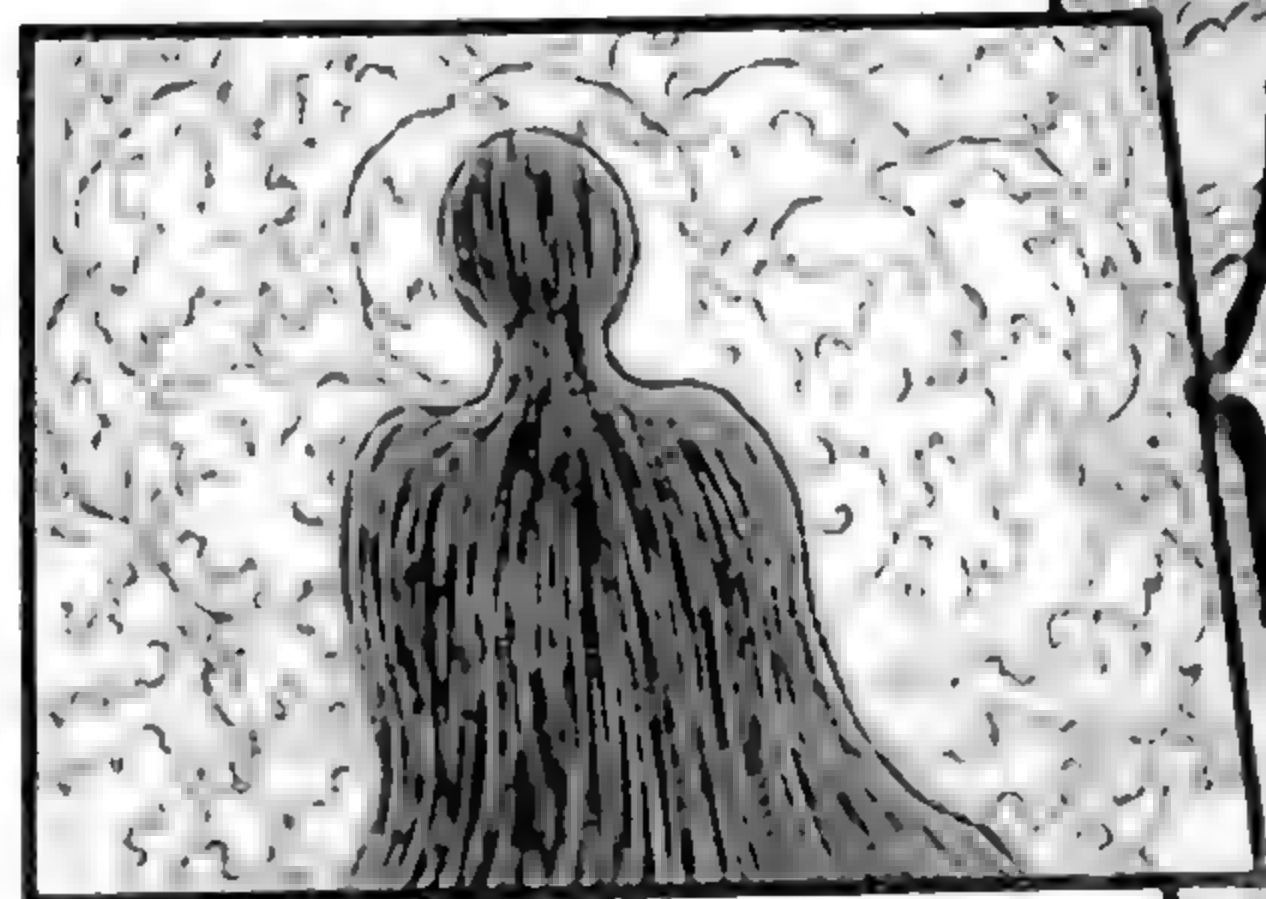
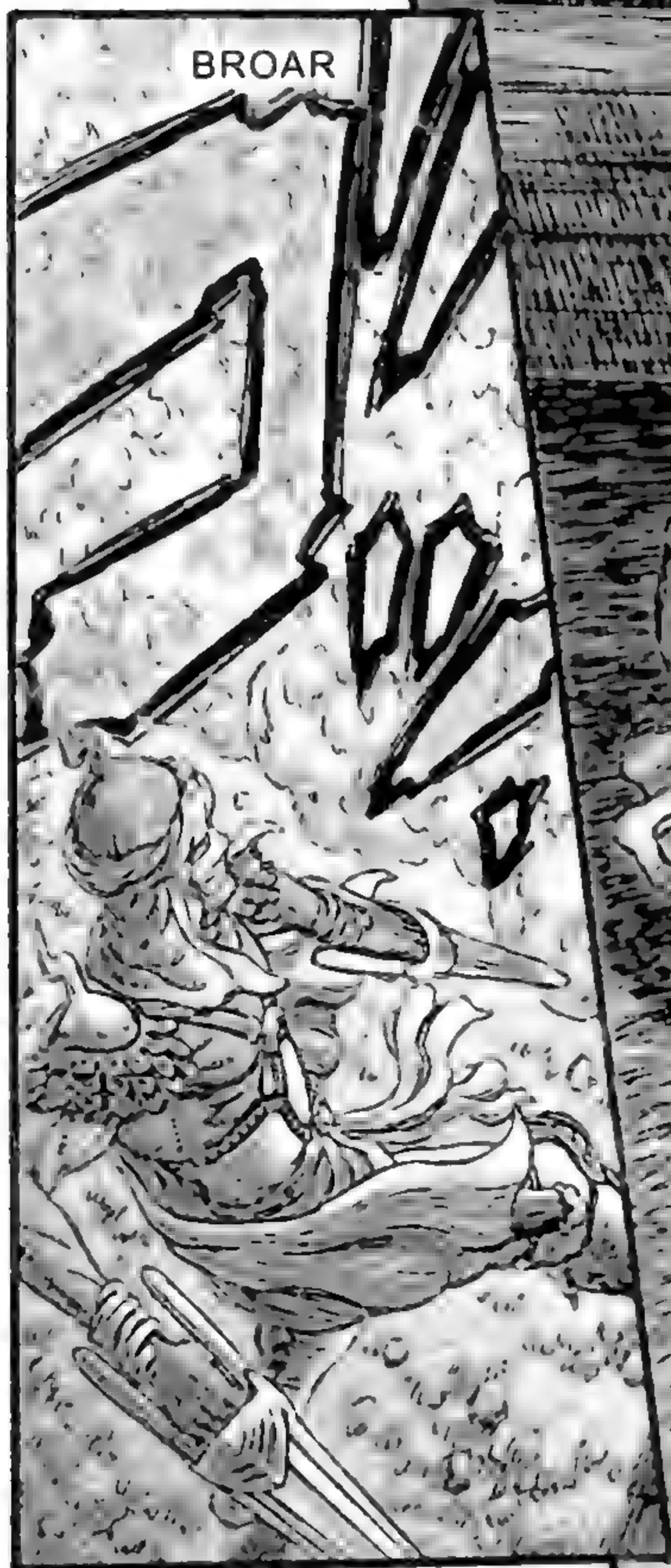
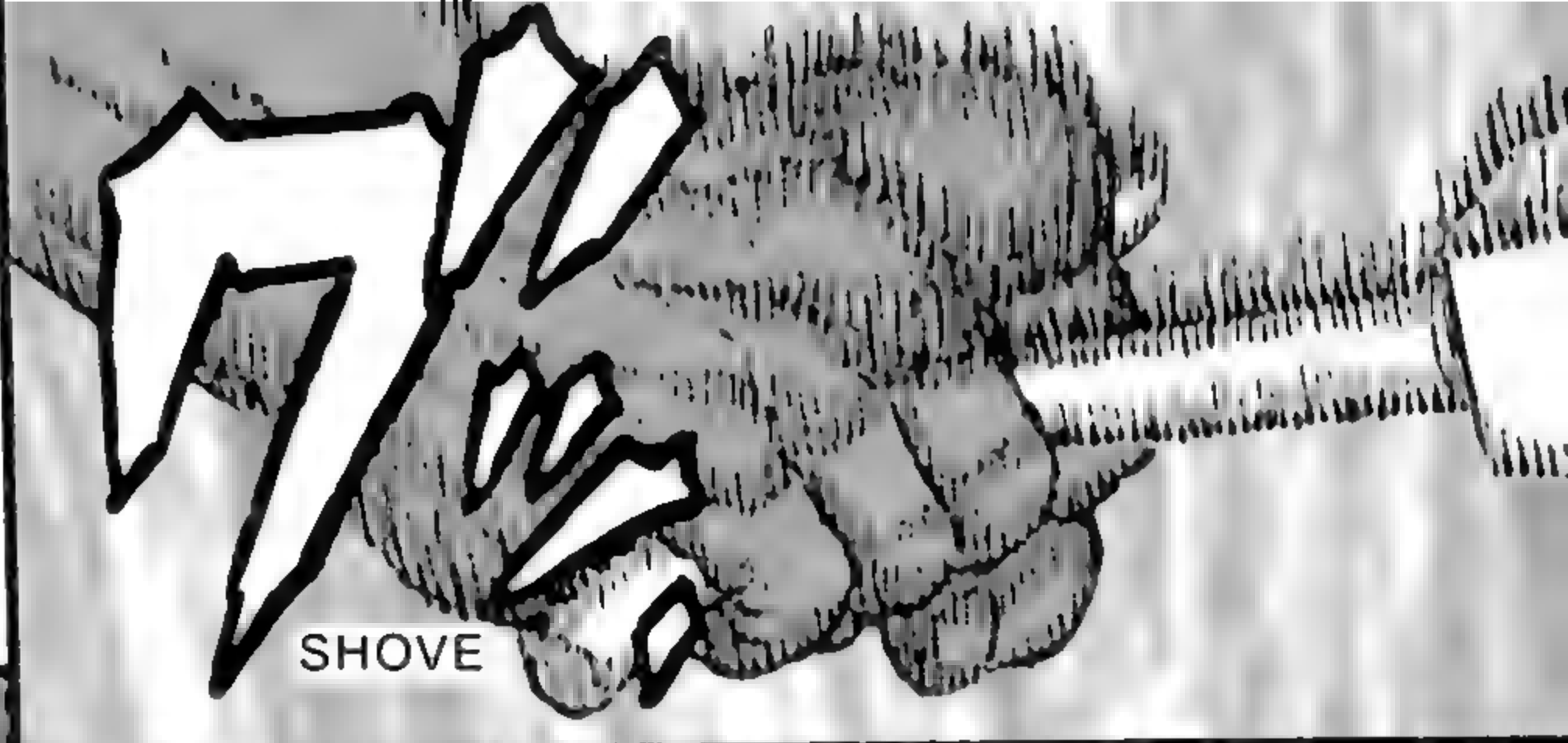
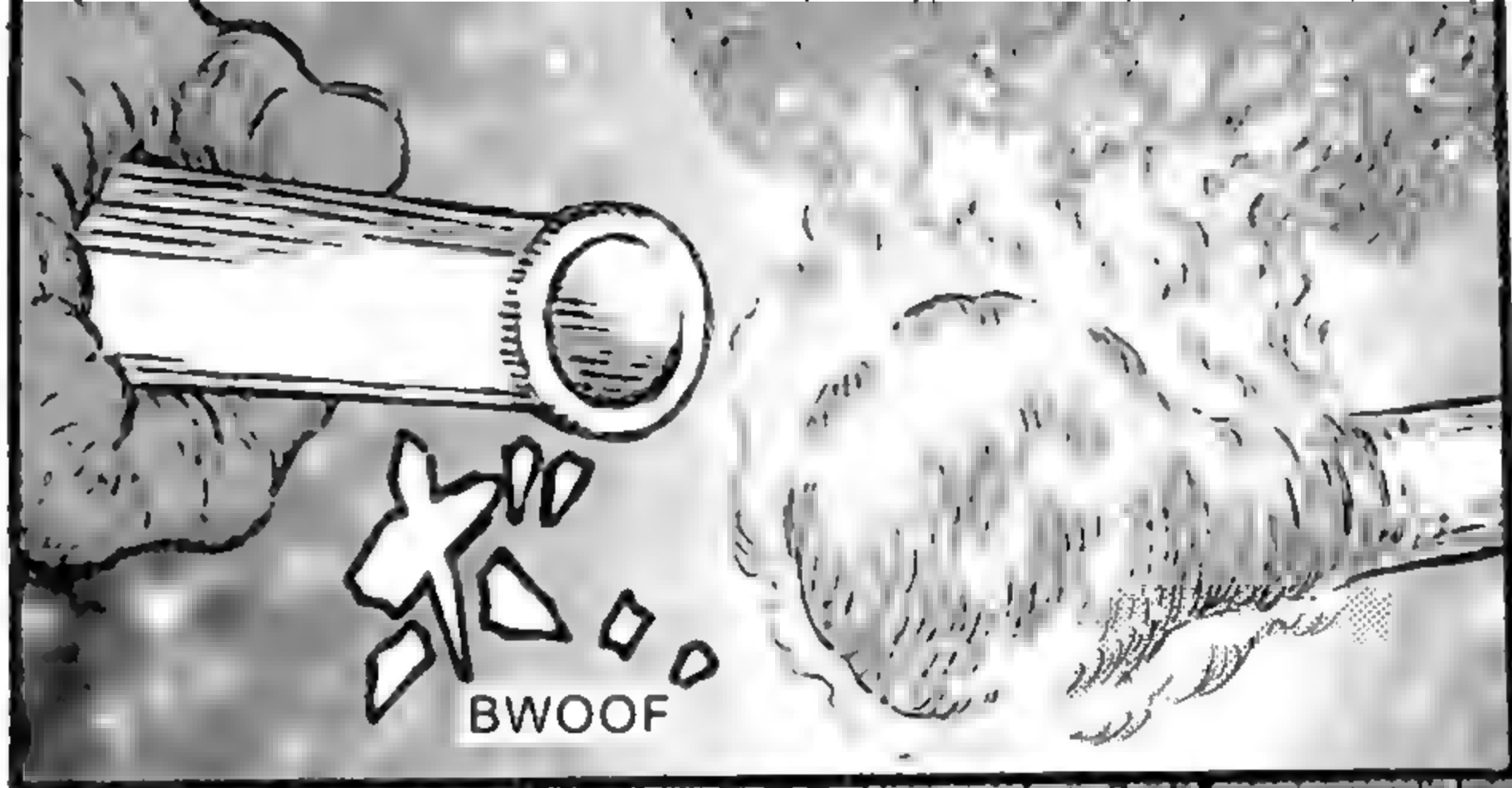






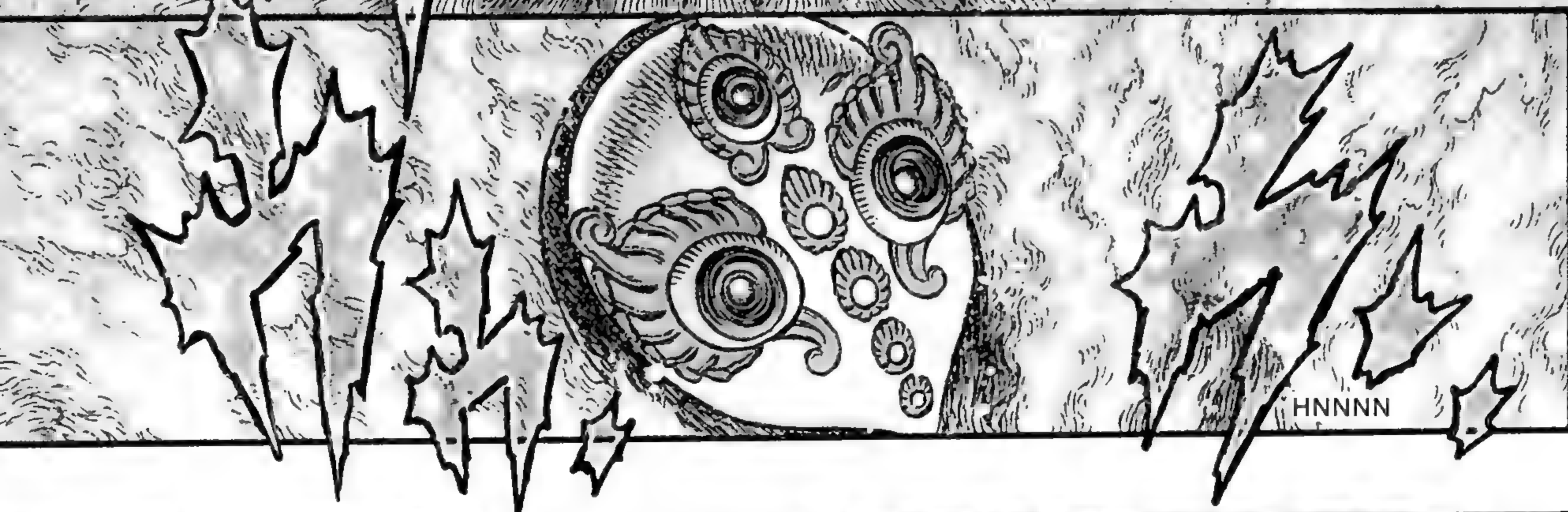




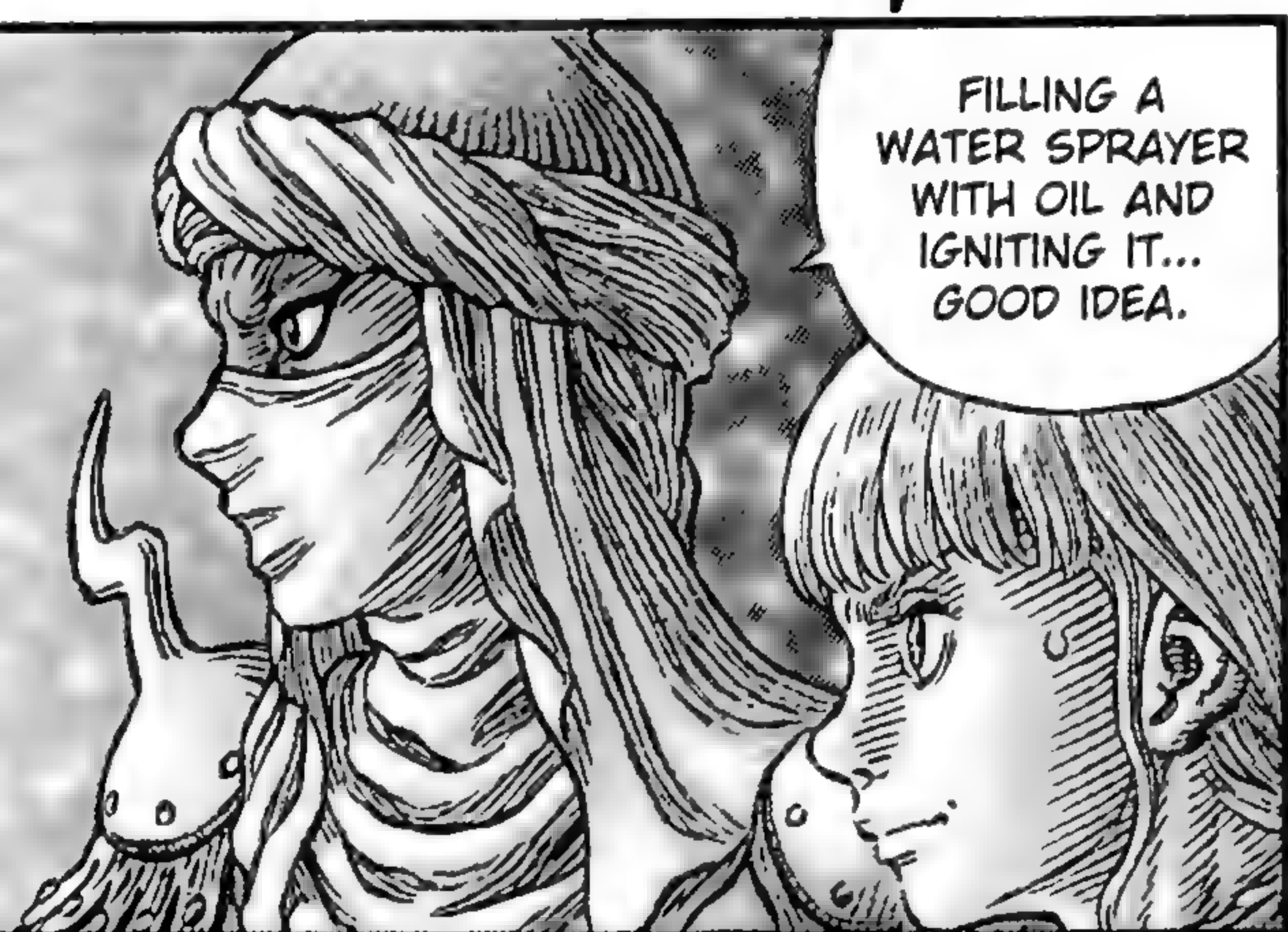




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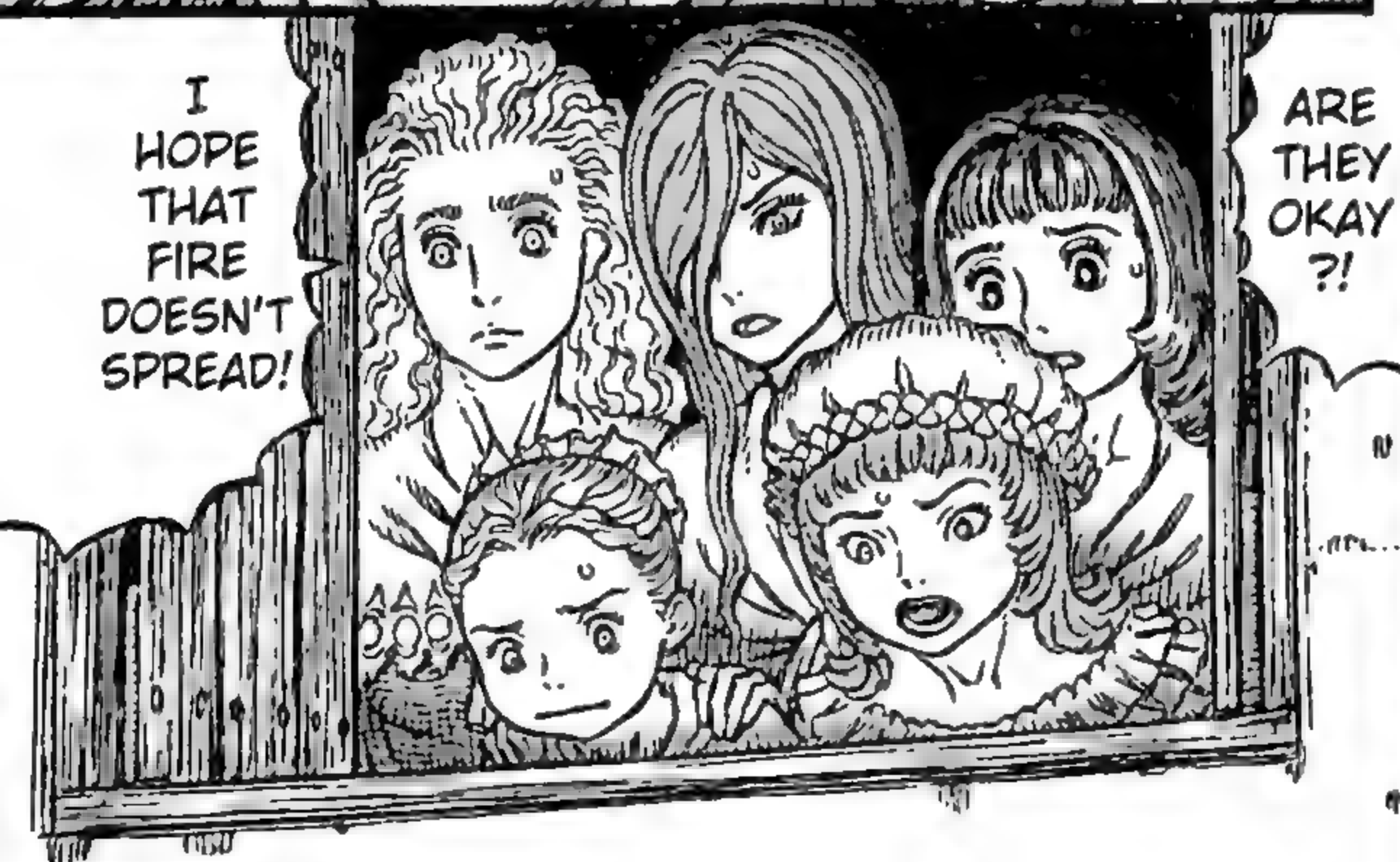
HNNNN



FILLING A
WATER SPRAYER
WITH OIL AND
IGNITING IT...
GOOD IDEA.



GOT
HIM
...!!

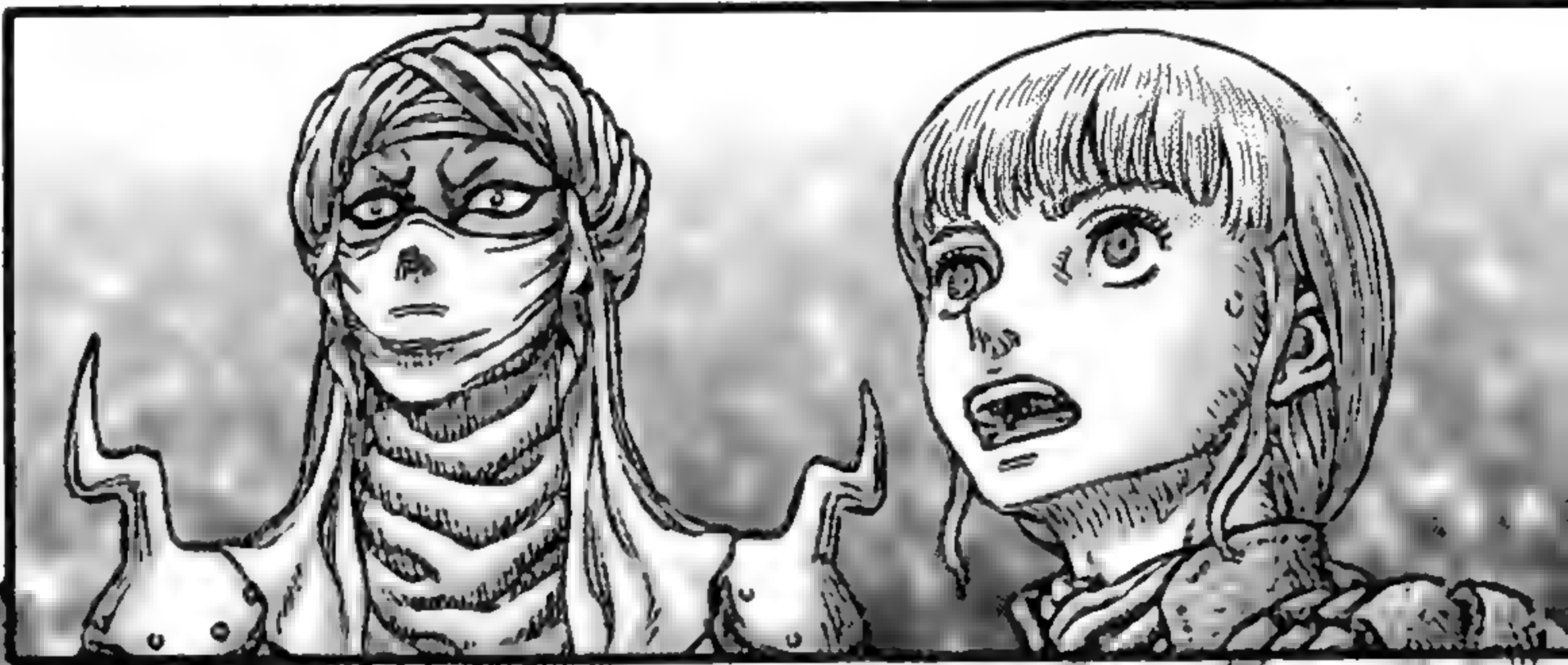
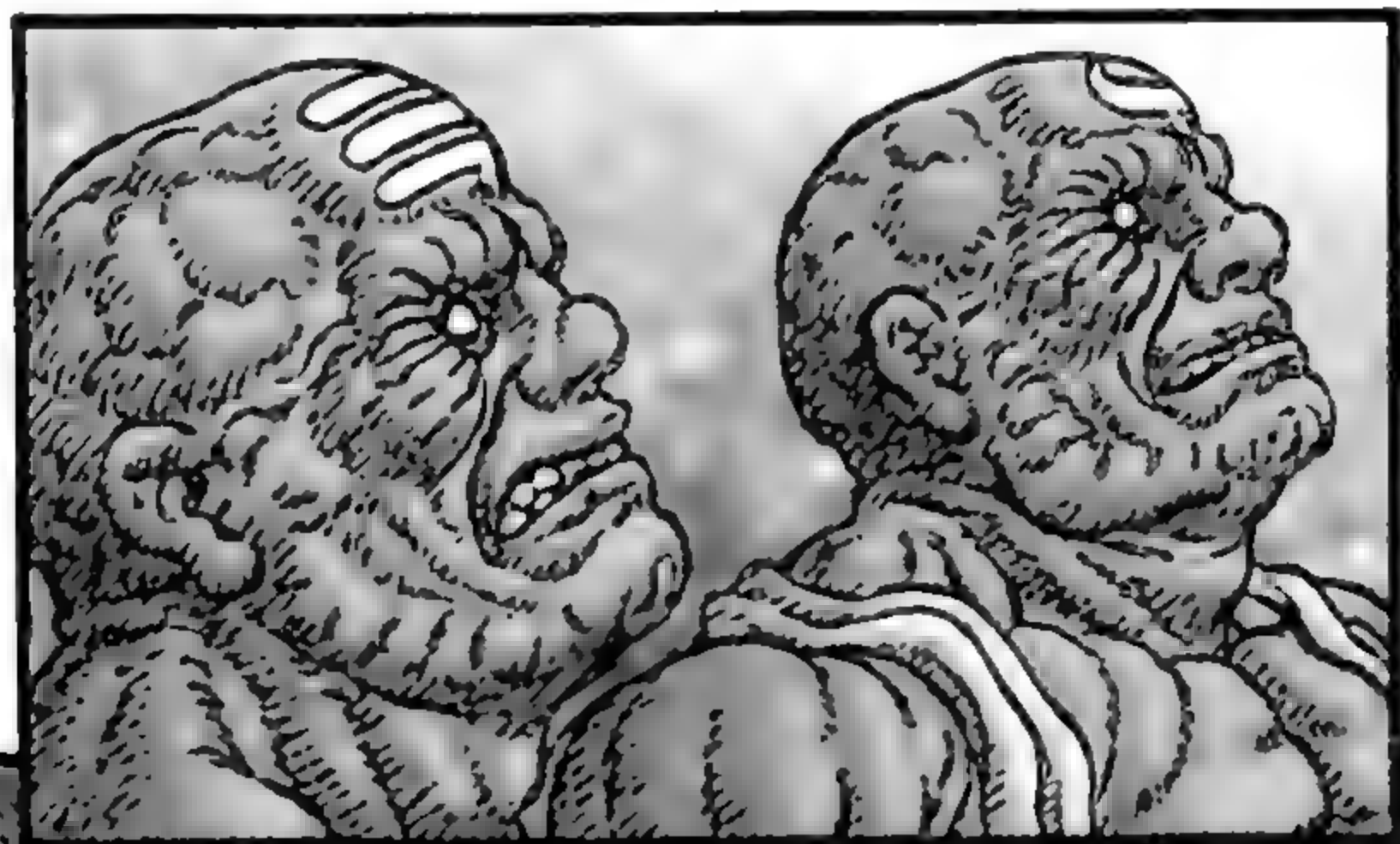
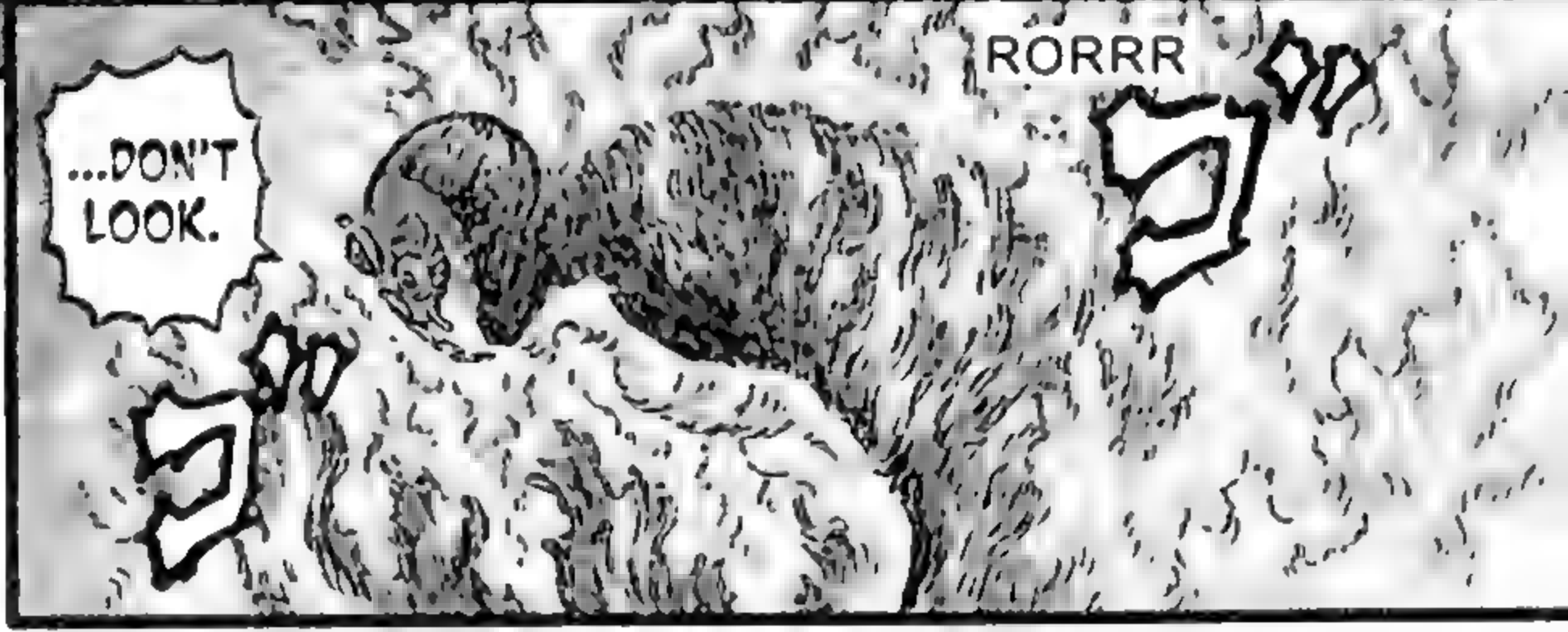
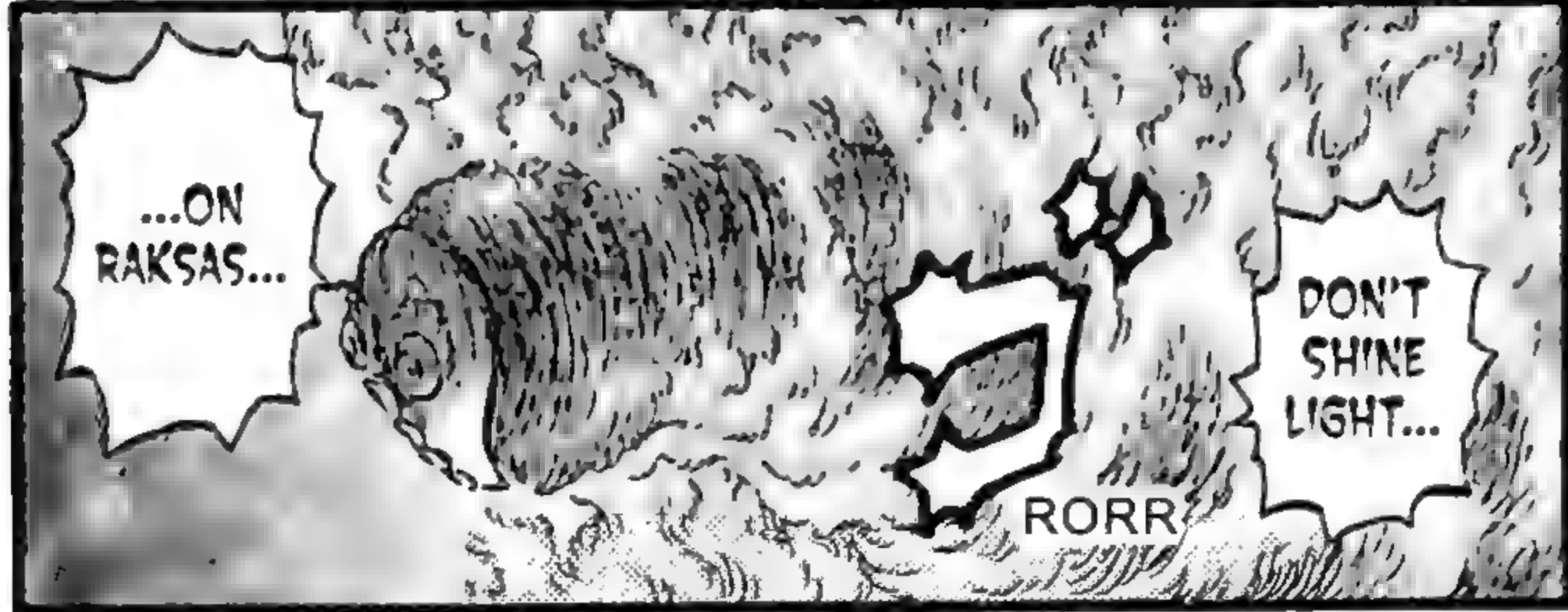
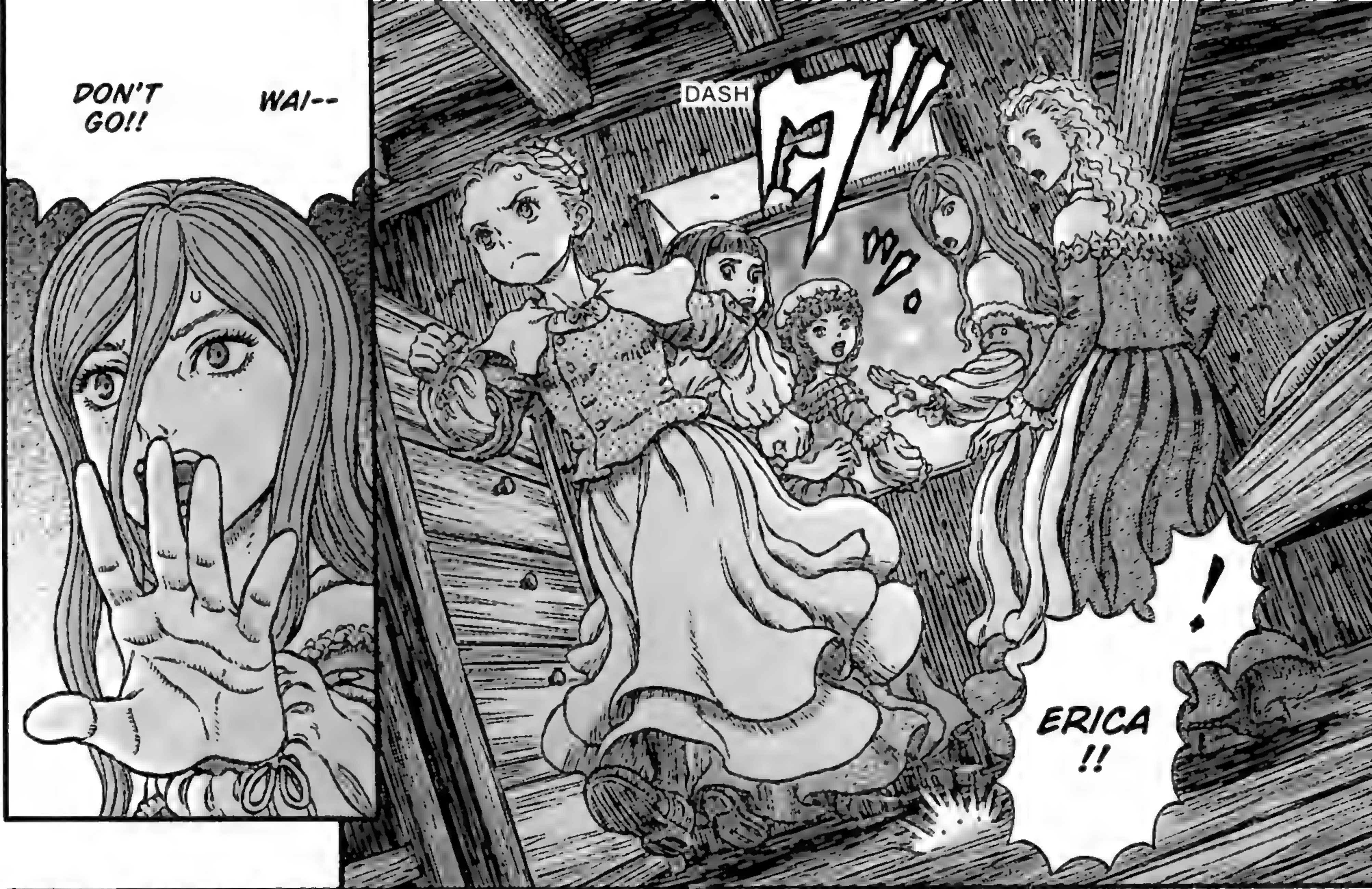


I
HOPE
THAT
FIRE
DOESN'T
SPREAD!

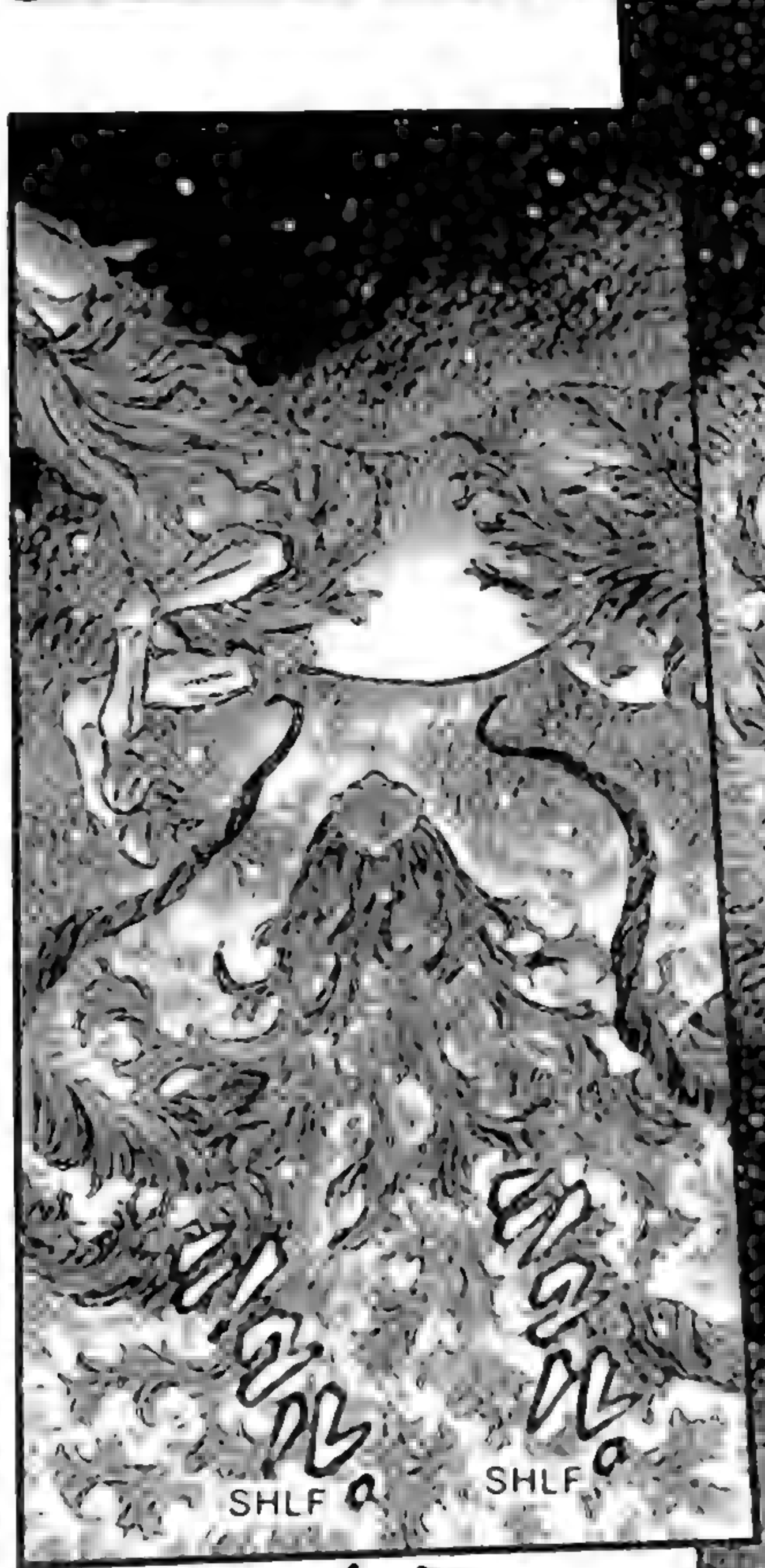
ARE
THEY
OKAY
?!

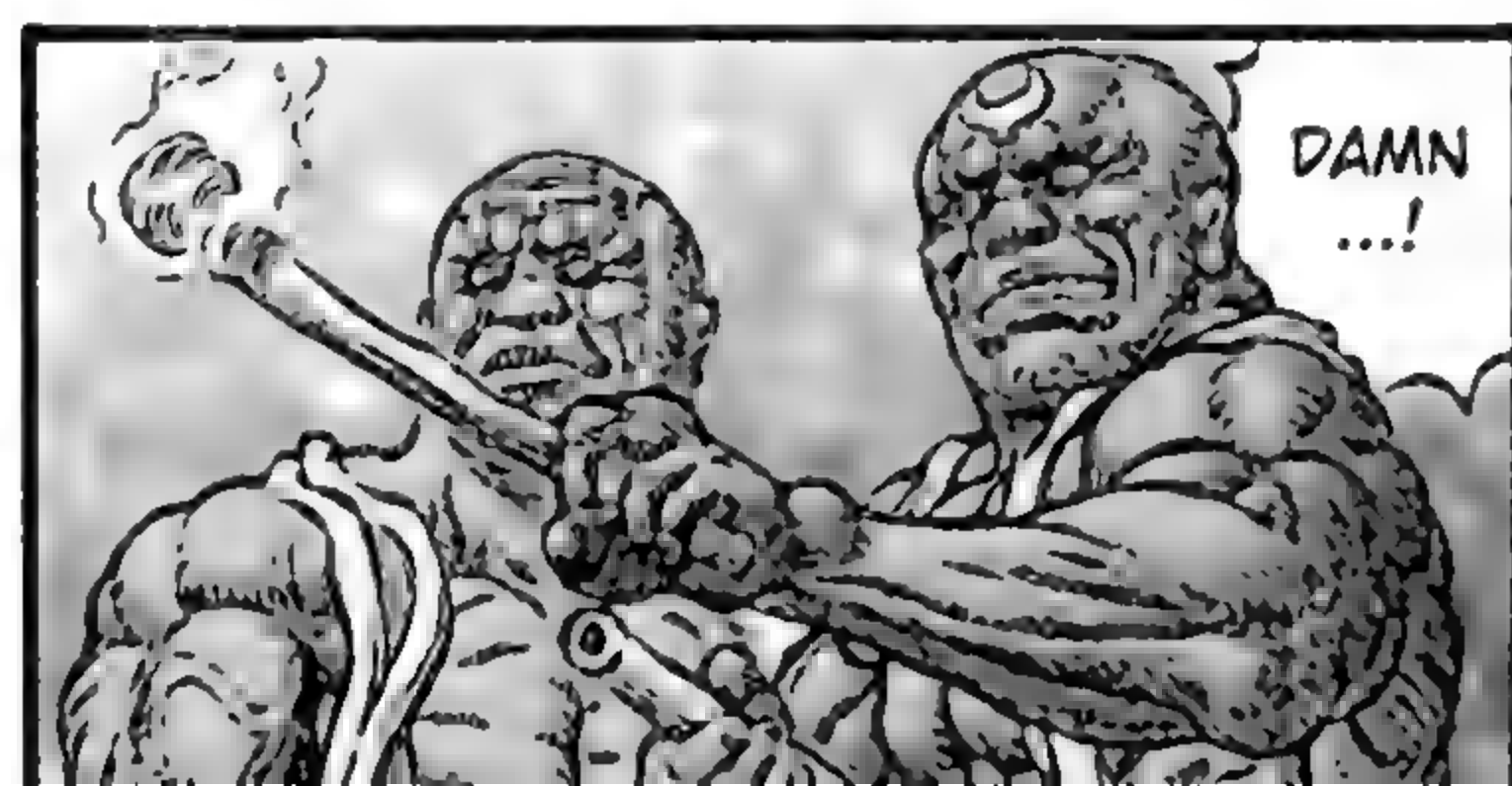
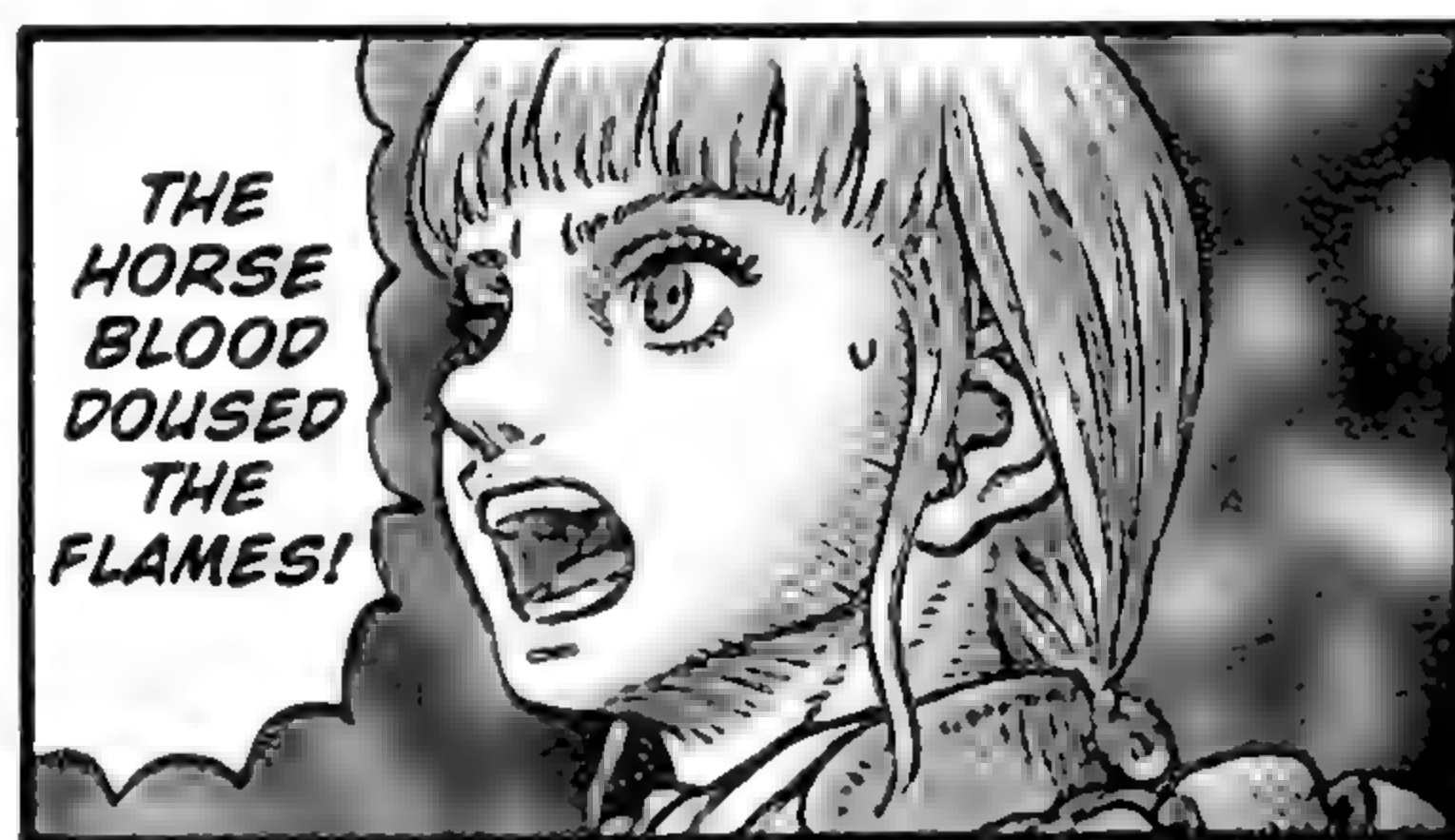


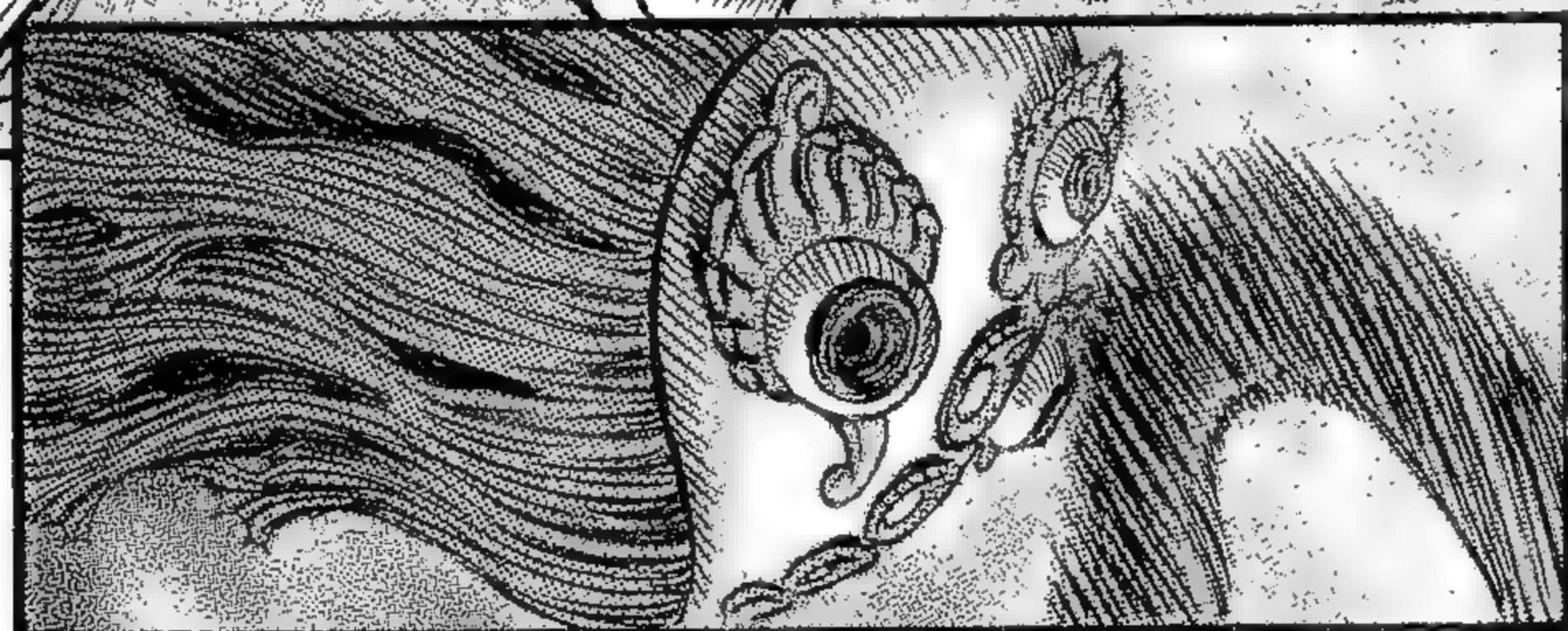
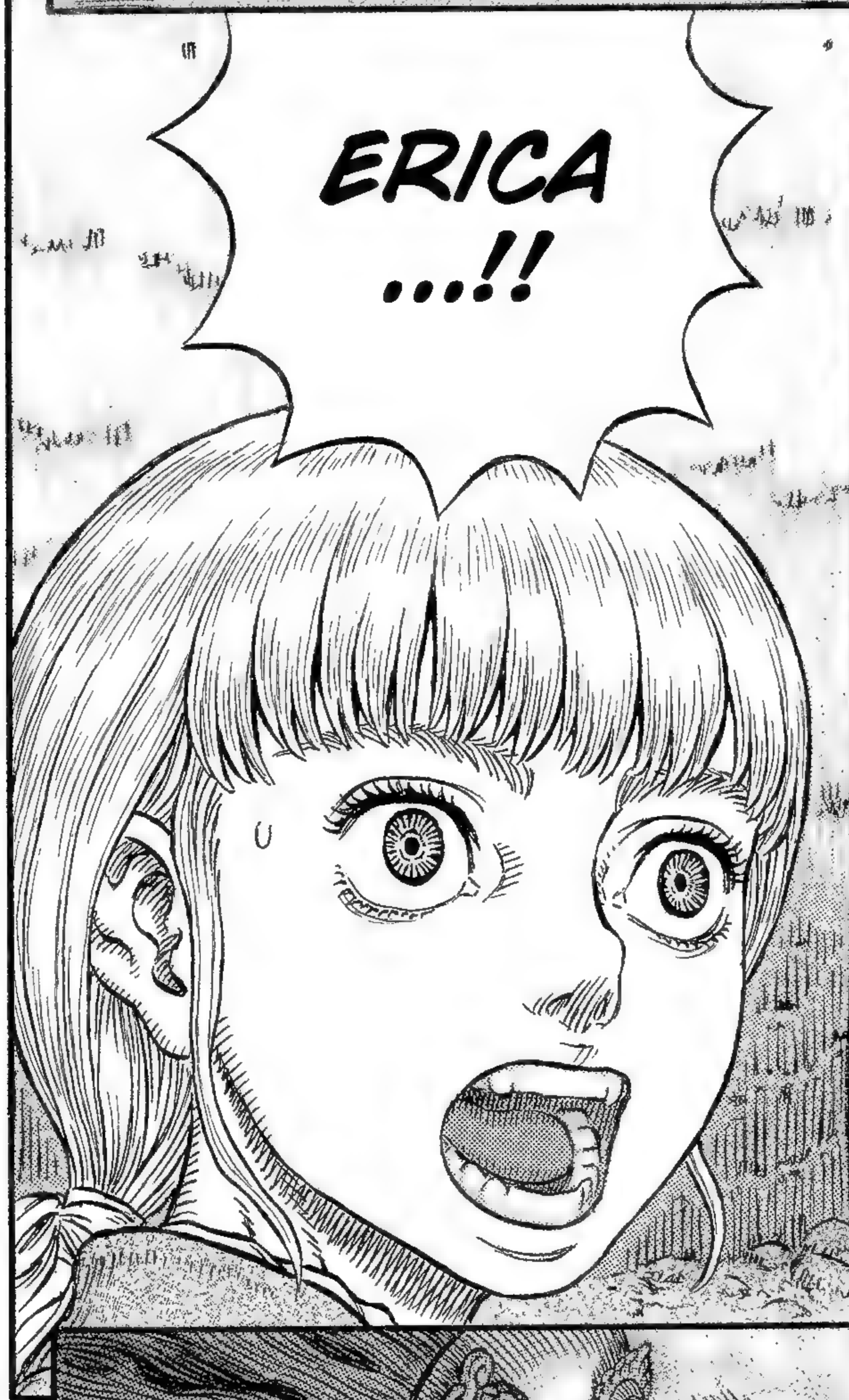
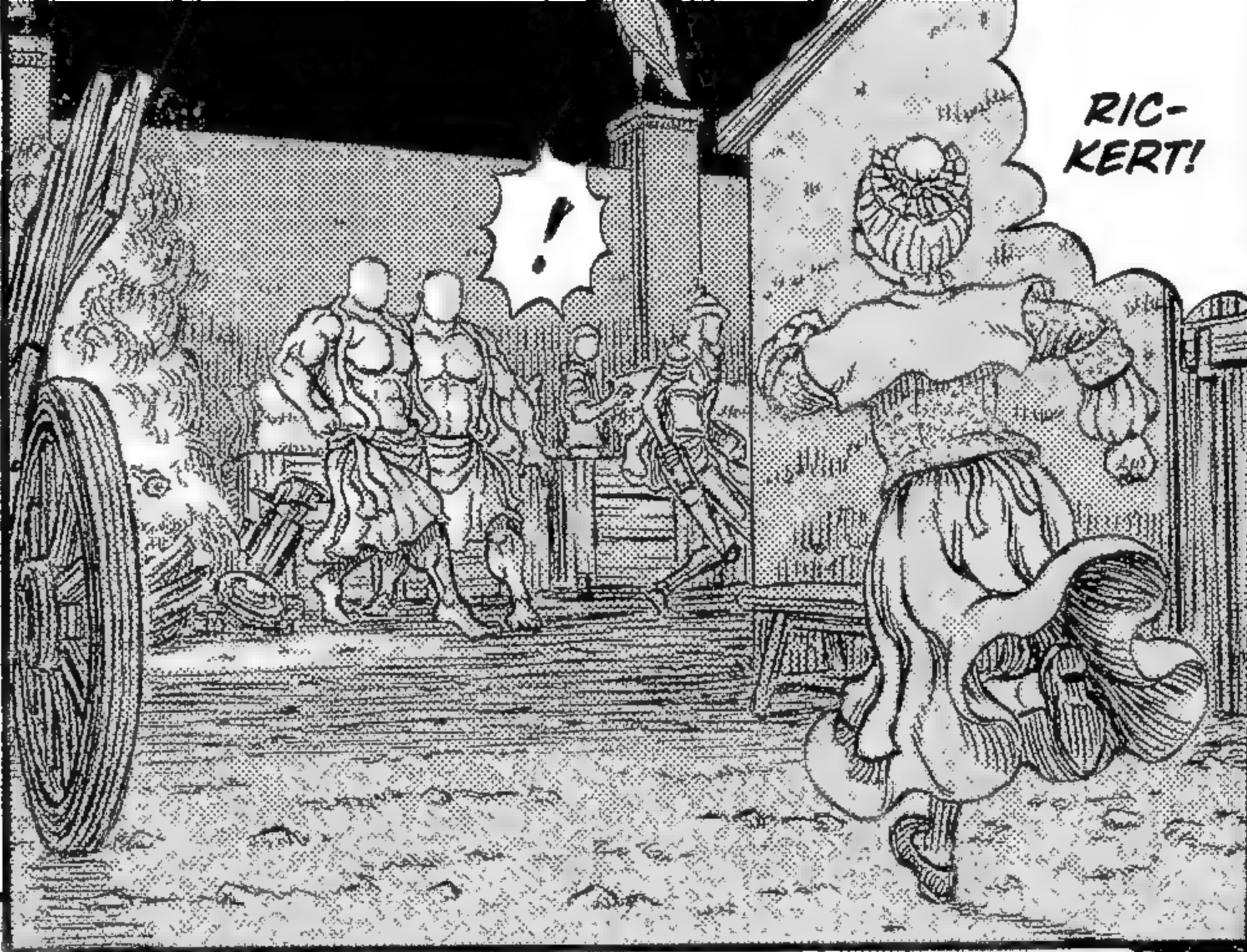
WOW,
LOOK AT
IT BURN!













**ERICA AAAA
!!**

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逃飛翔

SOARING ESCAPE



ERICA
!!



FIRE...

...NOT OUT YET.

IT BURNS.

EXTINGUISH...



EEEEEEK



SHAAAA



CHING

CHING



SHLLM

SHLLM

EHEH.

EHEH.



GO
AWAYYY!

WAAAAH!



STOP
HIT!



SHFF

OH,
NO
...!!



?



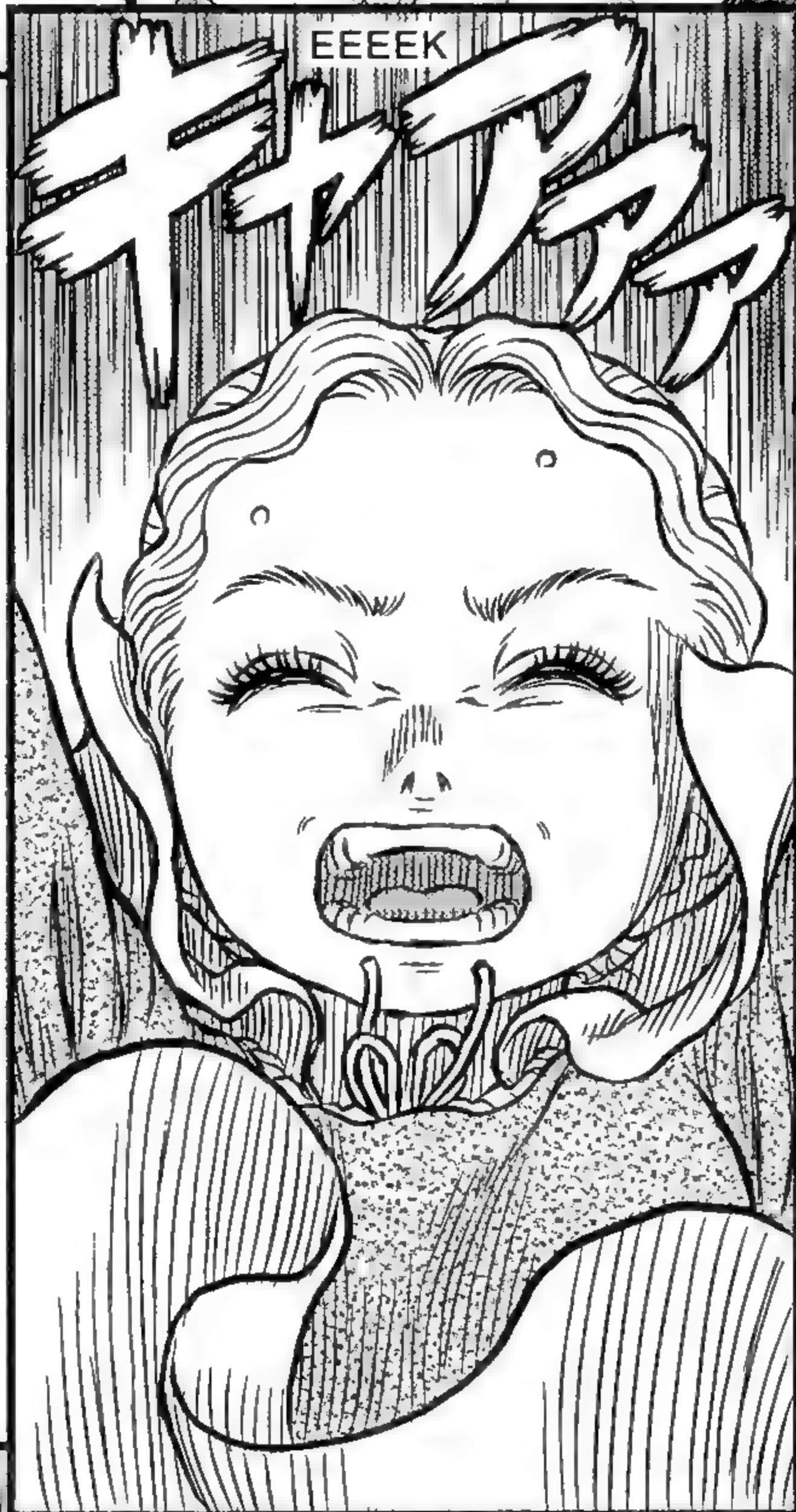
?



SNAKE?

SNAKES?

WHY?



EEEEK



DROP

AHH...

FEEL
NUMB...

SHMP



HUP.





OLD
BEARDY
?!

NOW
I'VE
PAID YOU
BACK,
BOY.



I
HAVE A
PROPOSITION
FOR YOU.

AND
YOU
BAKI-
RAKA.



HEY,
NOW!

KEEP
HIDDEN, OR
YOU'LL GET
DRAGGED
INTO THIS.

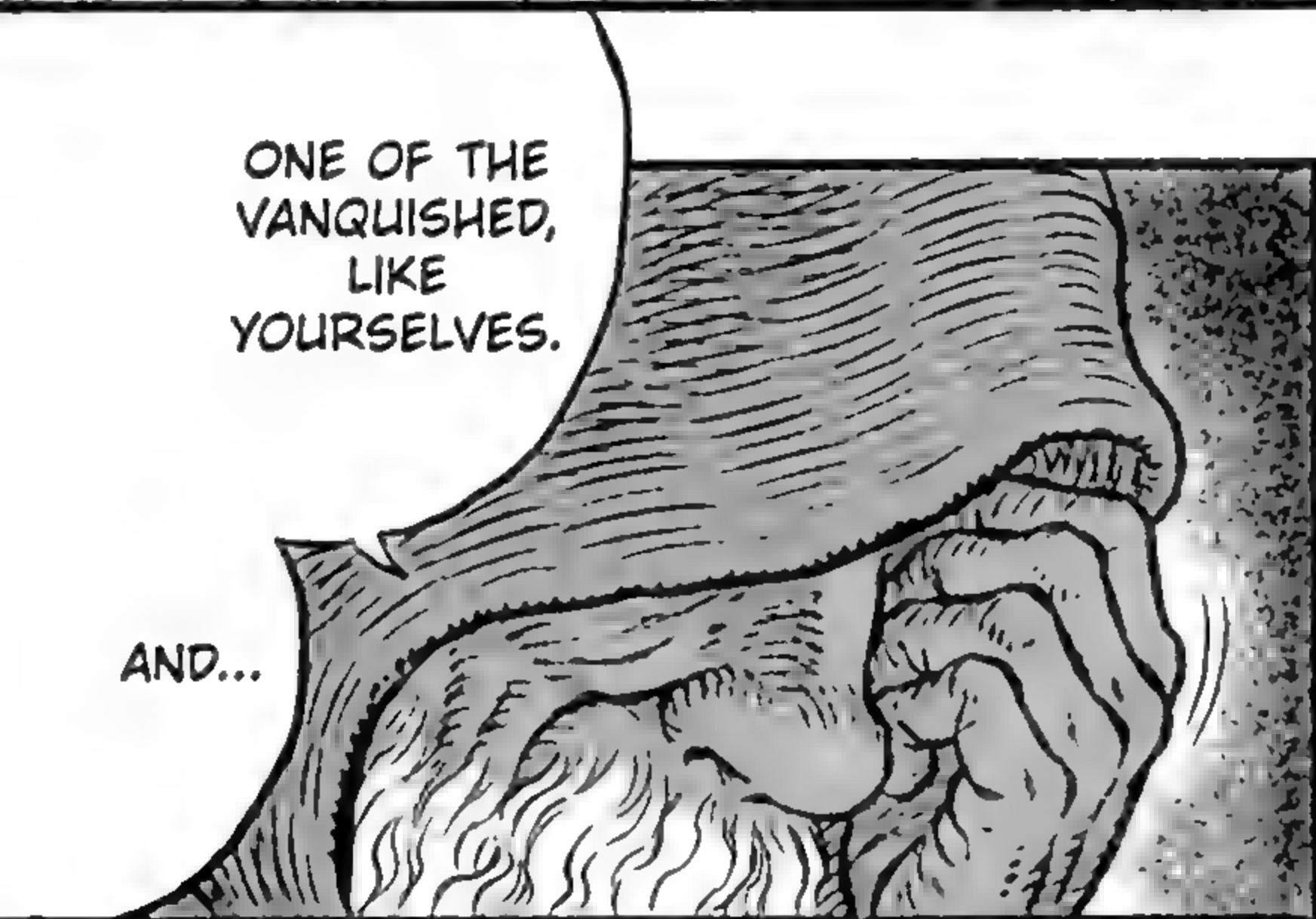


WHO
ARE
YOU
...?

GRAMPS.



THINK
I MIGHT
GO WITH
YOU ON
YOUR
JOURNEY?



ONE OF THE
VANQUISHED,
LIKE
YOURSELVES.

AND...



YOU KNOW
OF OUR CLAN...
WHO ARE
YOU?



...OUT
OF PLACE
IN THE
NEW
WORLD.

LIKE
YOU,
AN
ODDBALL
WHO
FEELS...



DAIBA,
LEADER
OF THE
PISHACA
FORCES.

WHO?



YOU'RE
STILL
ALIVE!

GEN-
ERAL
DAIBA
...!



...WHO
CONTROLLED
A SHADOWY
KUSHAN
FORCE...THE
PISHACA.

THE
RIGHT-
HAND MAN
OF GREAT
EMPEROR
GANISHKA,
AND A
SORCER-
ER...



WHAT
SAY
YOU,
BOSS?

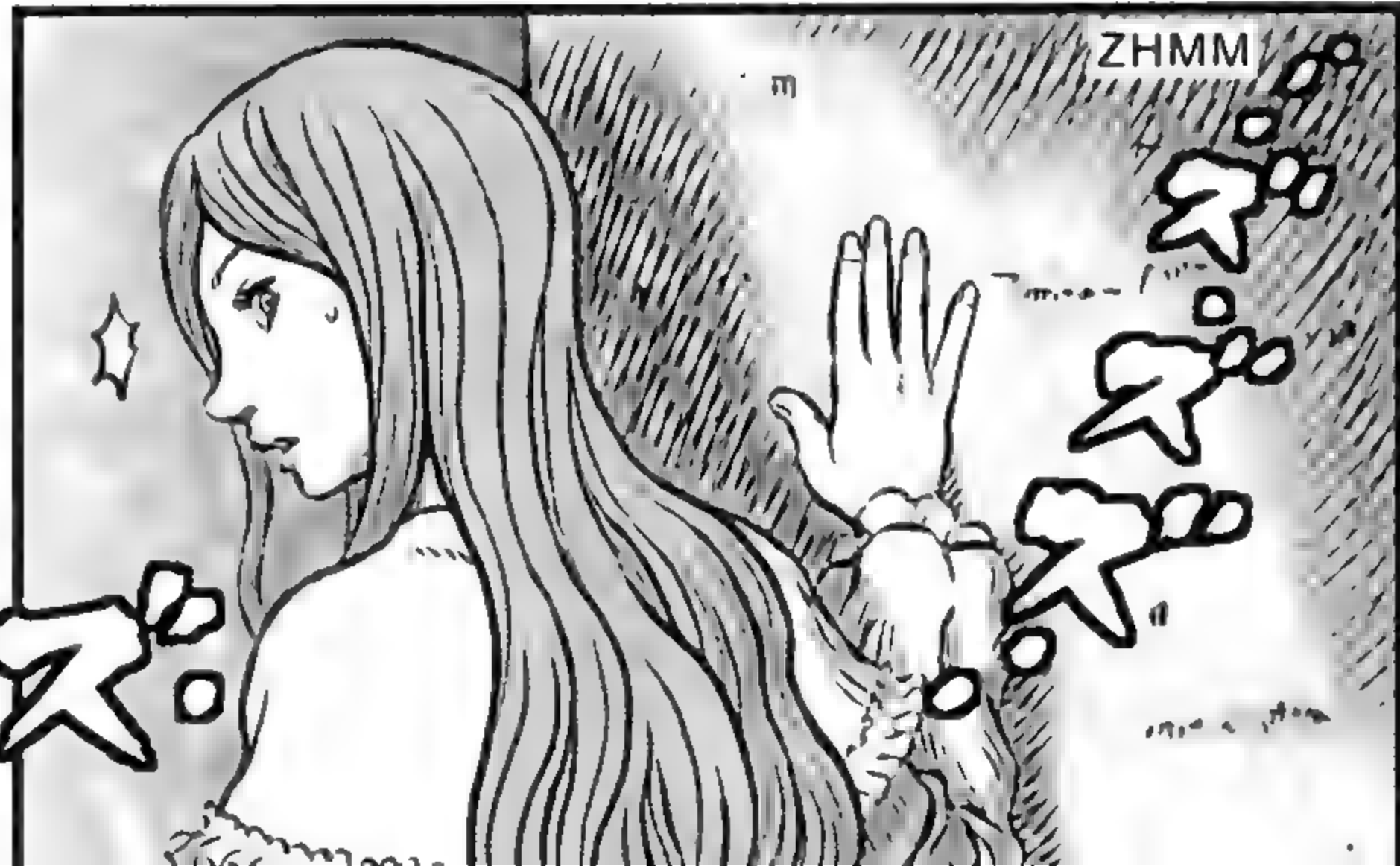
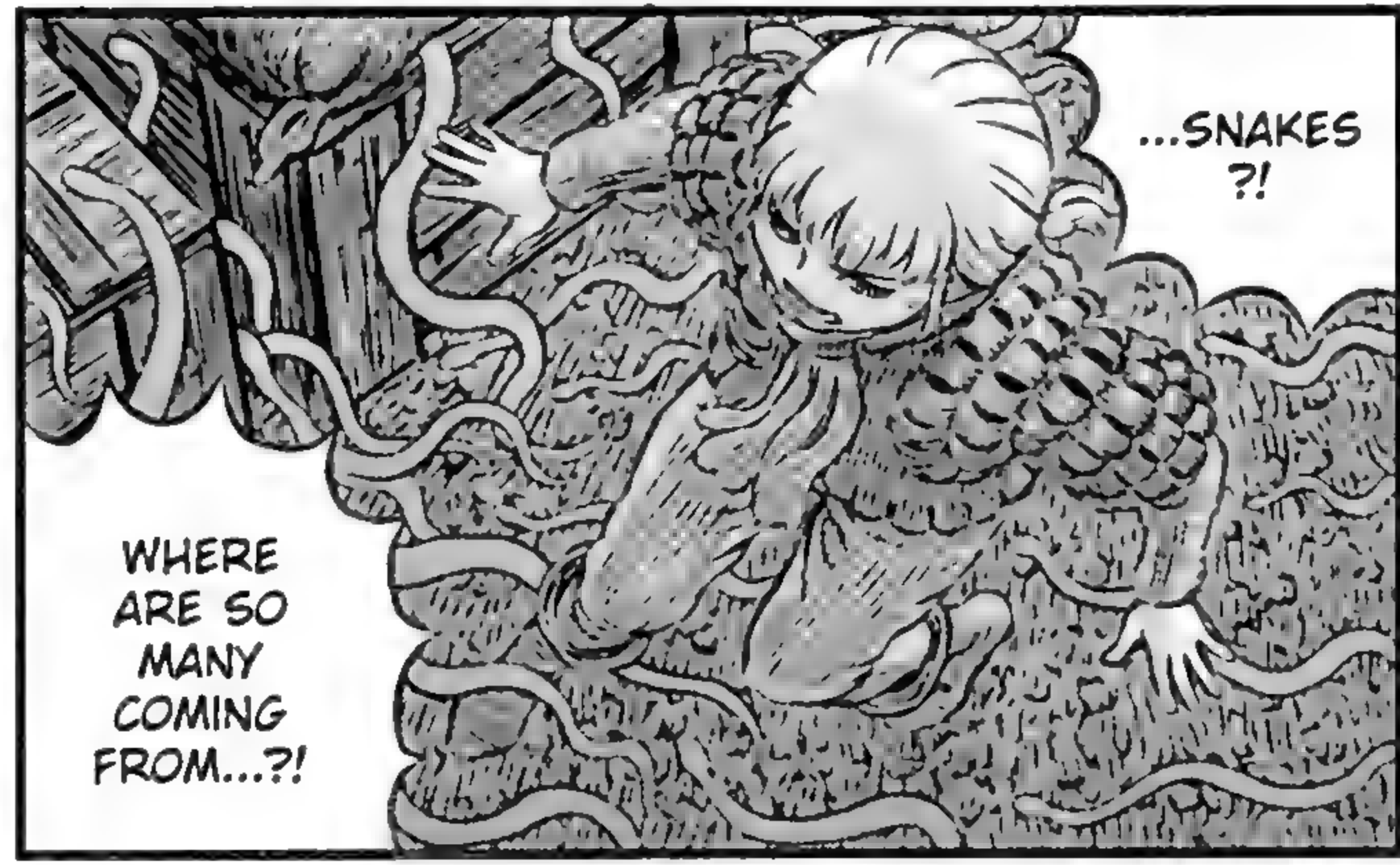
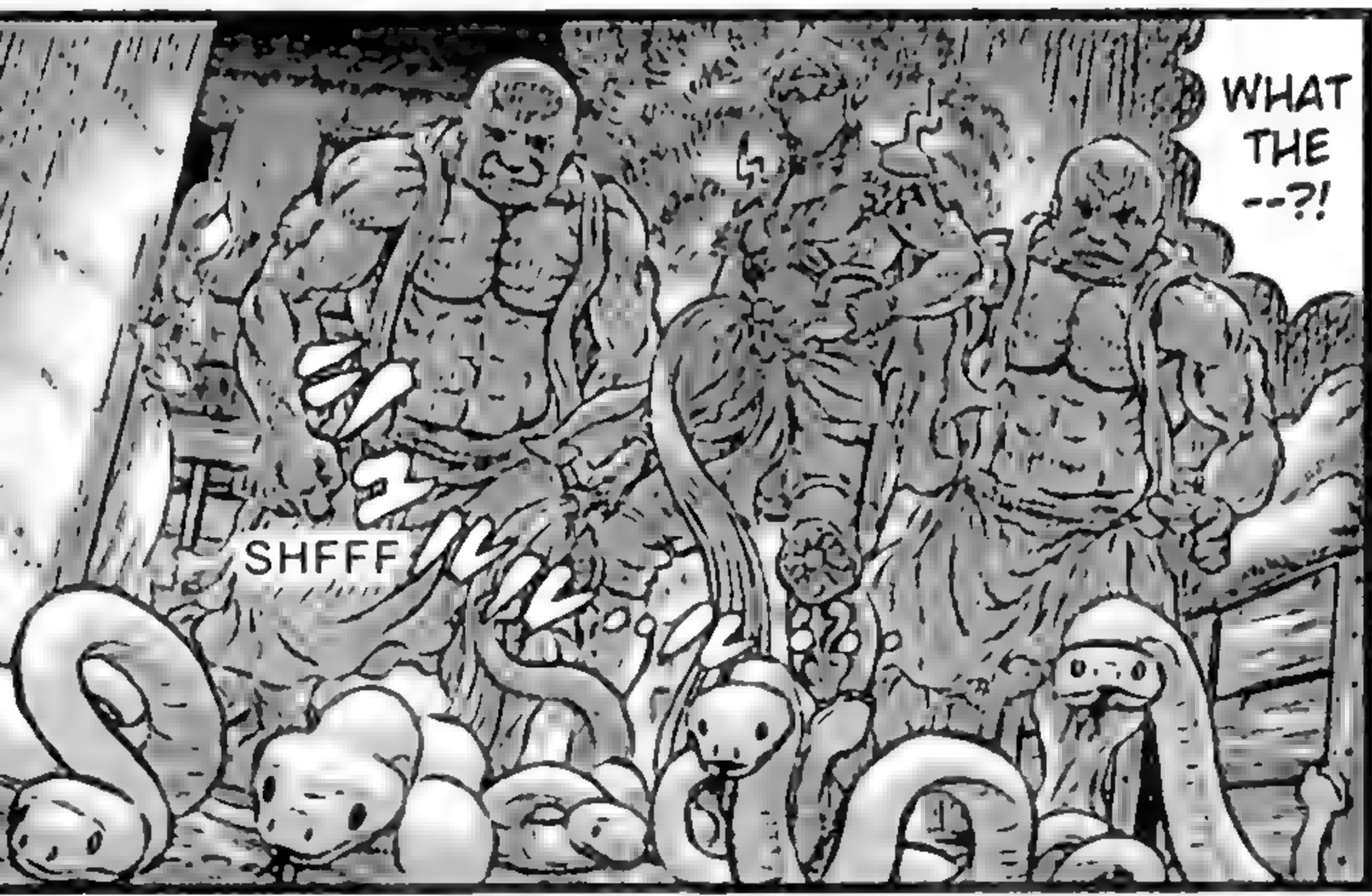
BUT
RIGHT NOW,
WE HAVE
TO FIGHT
OUR WAY
OUT OF
THIS...!

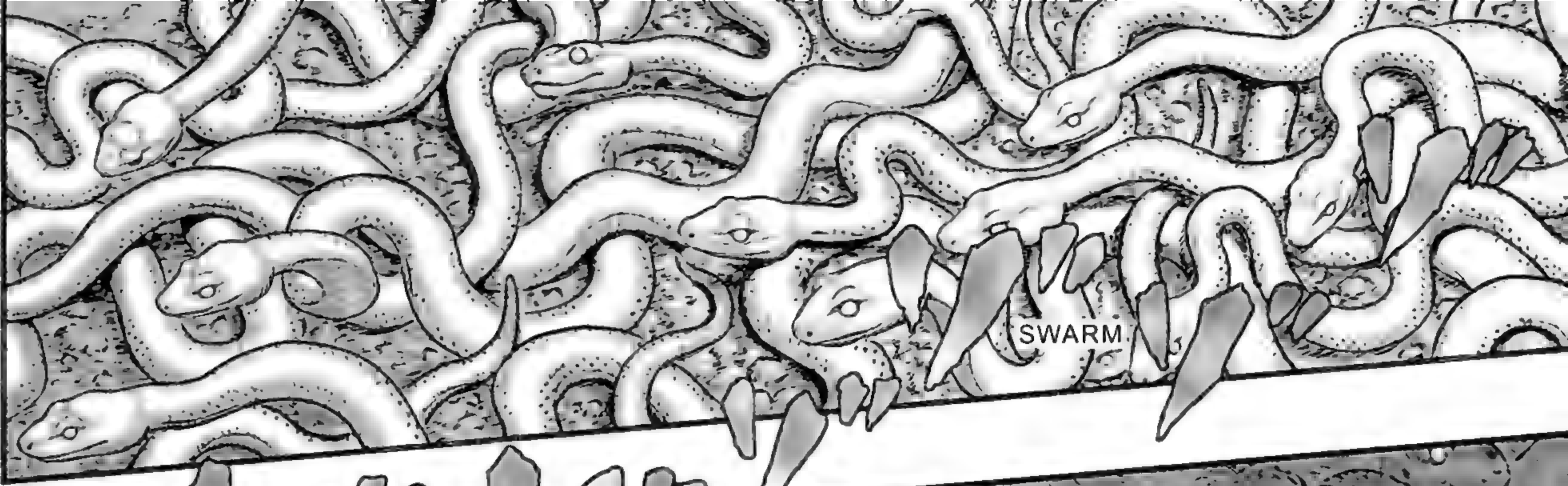
THERE'S
NO
REASON
TO TURN
HIM
DOWN!

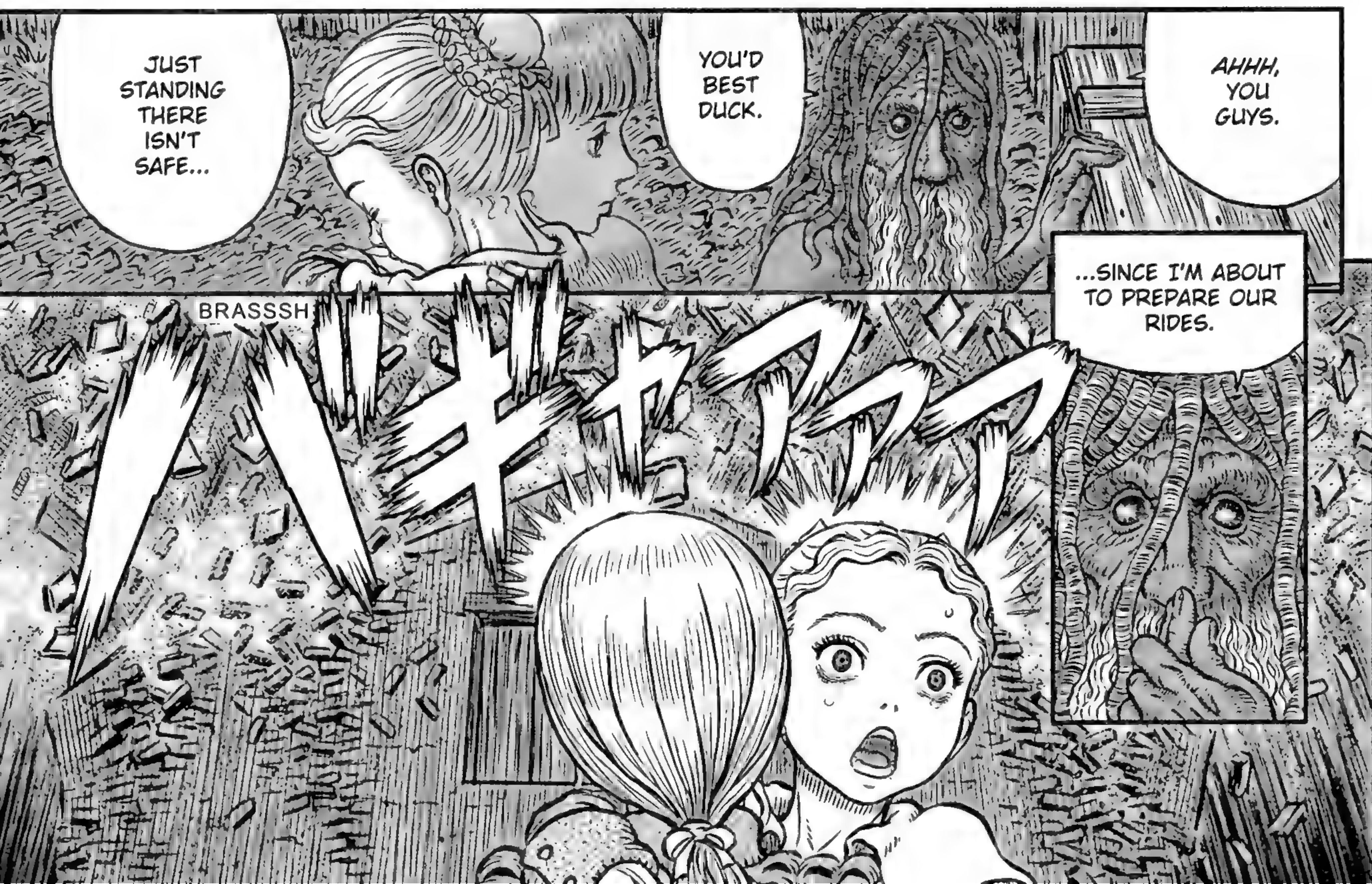
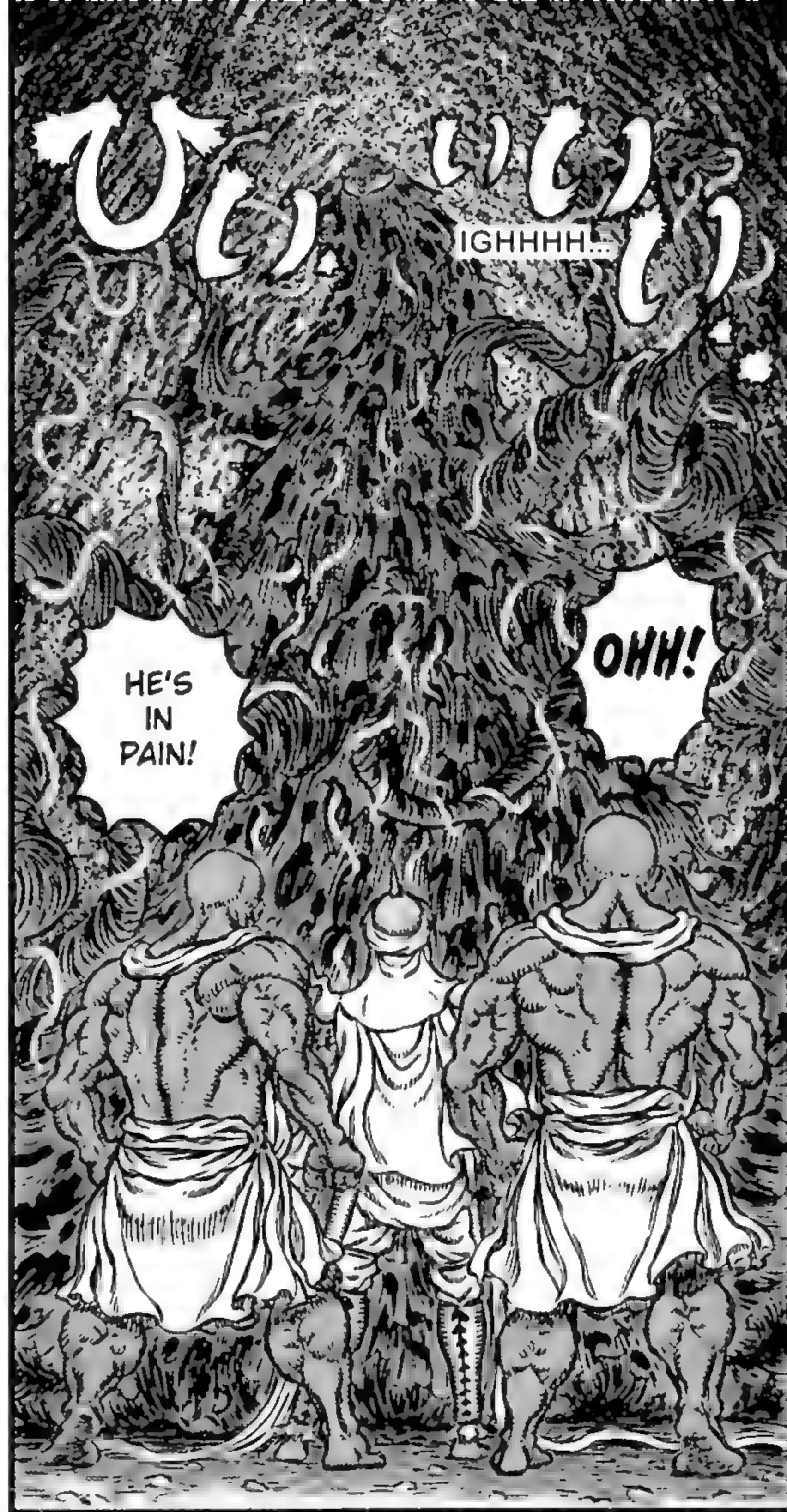
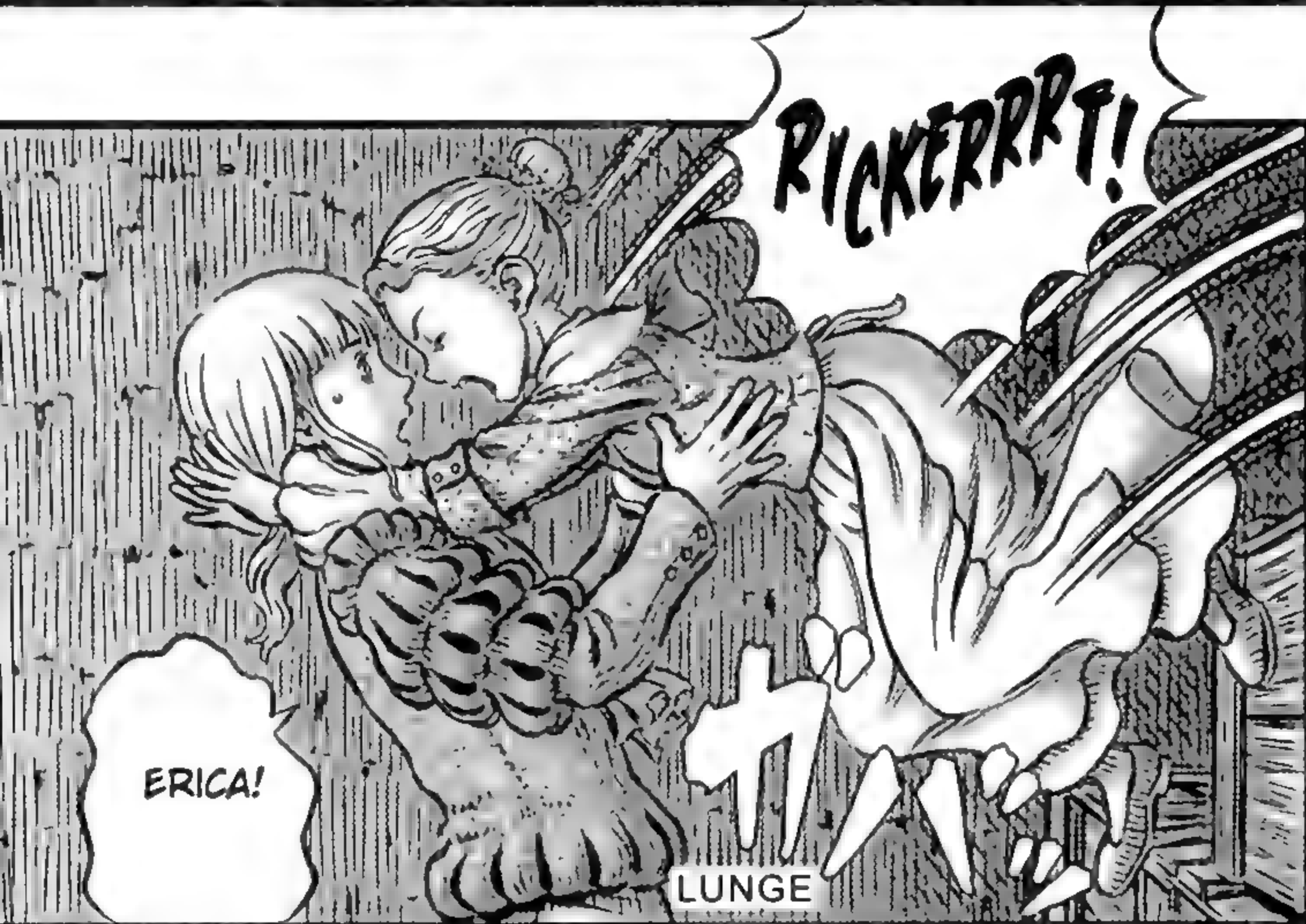
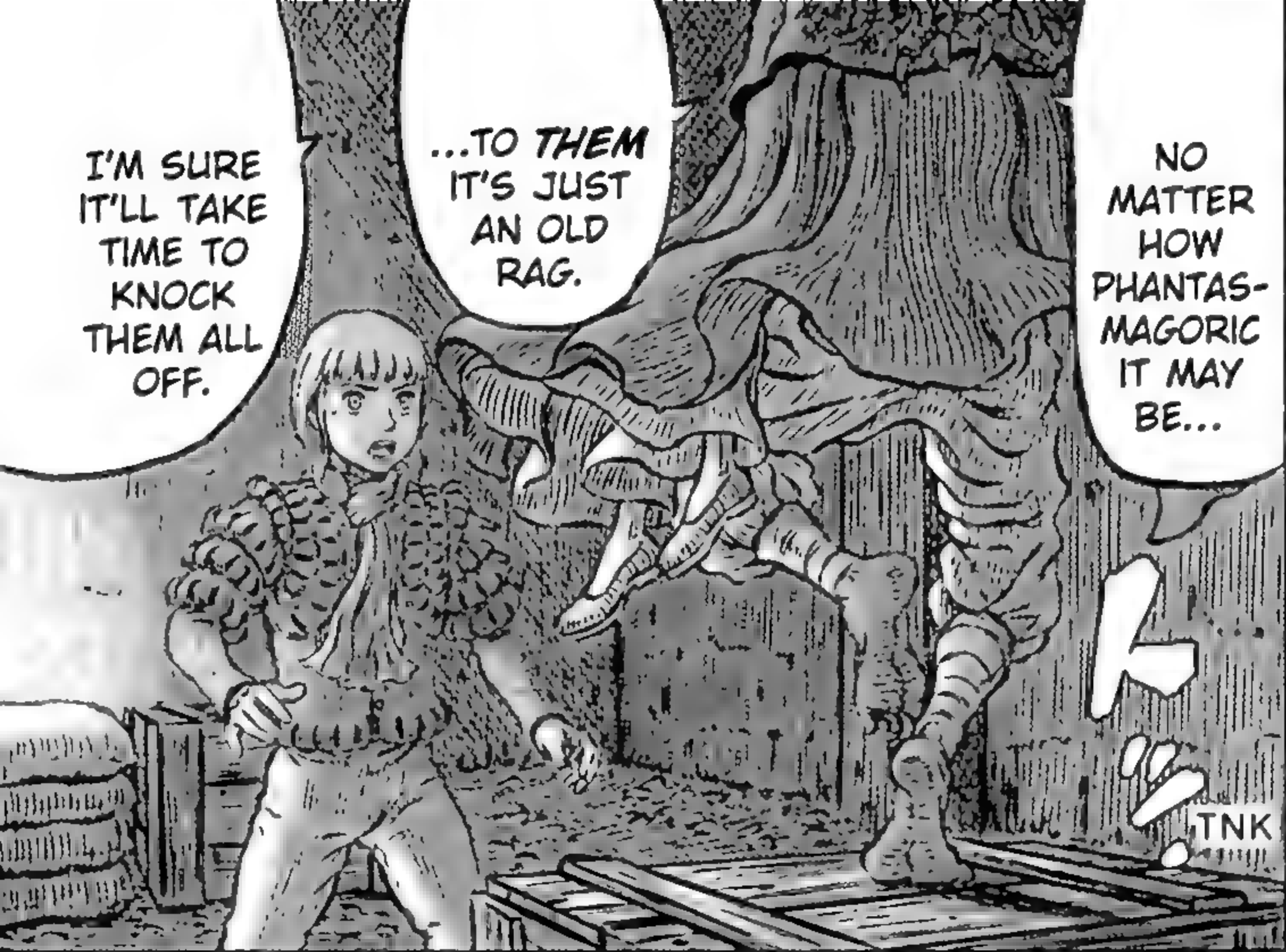


HIGH
SORCERER,
MIND
YOU.

SO,
WHAT'S
YOUR
ANSWER?









AUGHHH! MORE
MONSTERRRS!

AGYAHHHH

IT'S
BECAUSE
THEY WERE
COOPED UP
IN THAT
TIGHT SPACE.
THEY CAN'T
WAIT TO
DO SOME
FLYING.

NGEEEE



HANG
ON.

OH.

TMP

RUMMAGE

HERE
IT IS.



DON'T
WORRY.
LONG AS
I'M AROUND,
THEY WON'T
EAT YOU.

NOW
HURRY
AND
GET
ON.

WITH
THEM,
WE CAN
FLY RIGHT
OVER
THE CITY
WALLS.

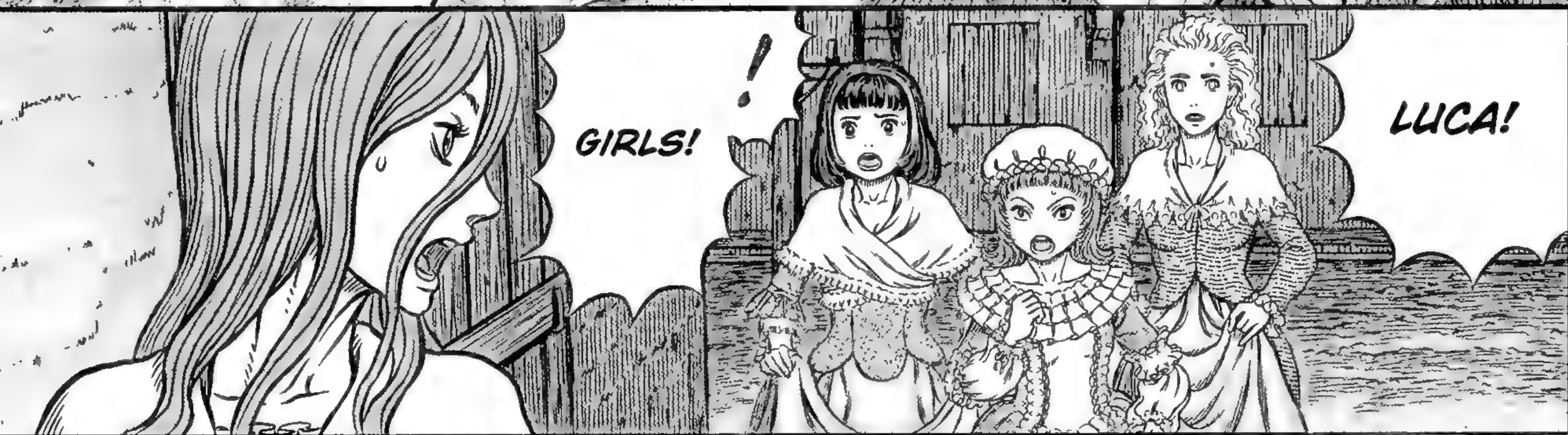
FLAP

FLAP



FWASS

OFF
WE
GO.



GIRLS!

LUCA!



IS
THERE
A FIRE?

WHAT'S
HAPPEN-
ING?

WHAT'S
UP?

WITH
ALL THIS
COMMOTION,
EVERY-
ONE'S
NOTICED!



DON'T
LET
ANYONE
SEE
YOU!

SO YOU
CAME
ANYWAY?

WHAT
ARE YOU
SAYING?!



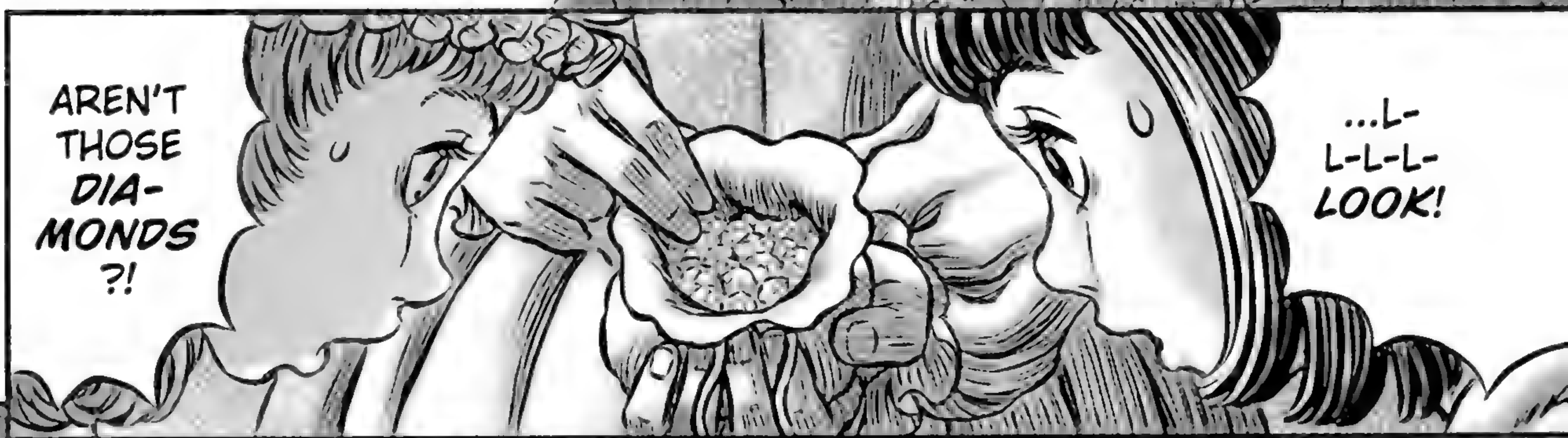
TOSS



ドサ
THUD



UWAH
...?!



AREN'T
THOSE
DIA-
MONDS
?!

...L-
L-L-L-
LOOK!



LUCA!
EVERYONE!

THANK
YOU...
GOODBYE!

IT'S
THANKS
FOR YOUR
KINDNESS.
KEEP IT.



ZHMMM



W H E N W ...

WE'RE
IN THE
CLEAR FOR
THE TIME
BEING...



I
WOULDN'T
SAY SO,
GENERAL.



ZHMMM



UH, OH...!
WE CAN'T
FLY FAST ENOUGH
LOADED DOWN
LIKE THIS!

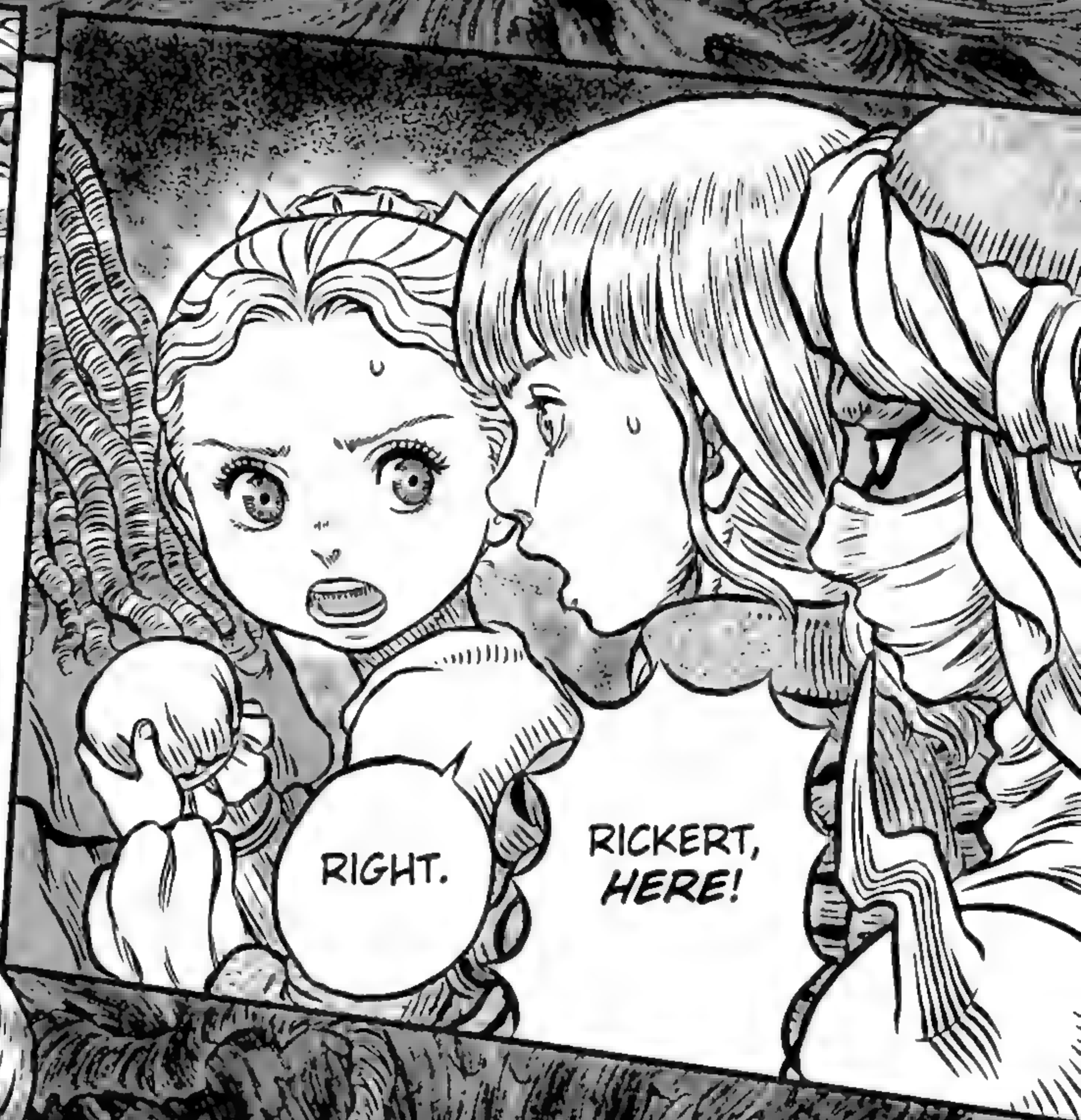


I'LL BE
DAMNED!
THAT
OLD RAG
CAN FLY?!



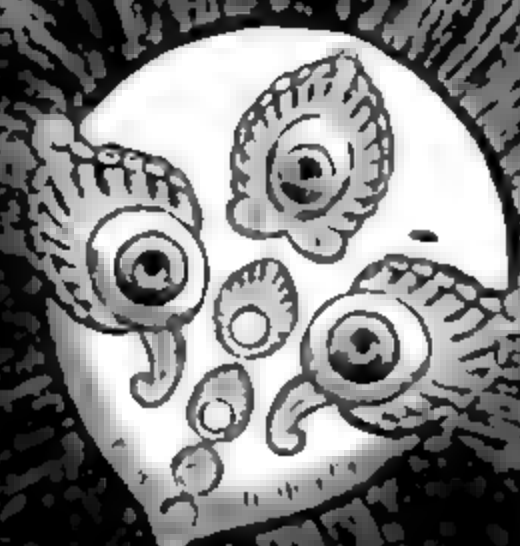
?
WHAT'S
HAPPEN-
ING?

OLD
BEARDY,
PUT YOUR
HEAD
DOWN!



RIGHT.

RICKERT,
HERE!



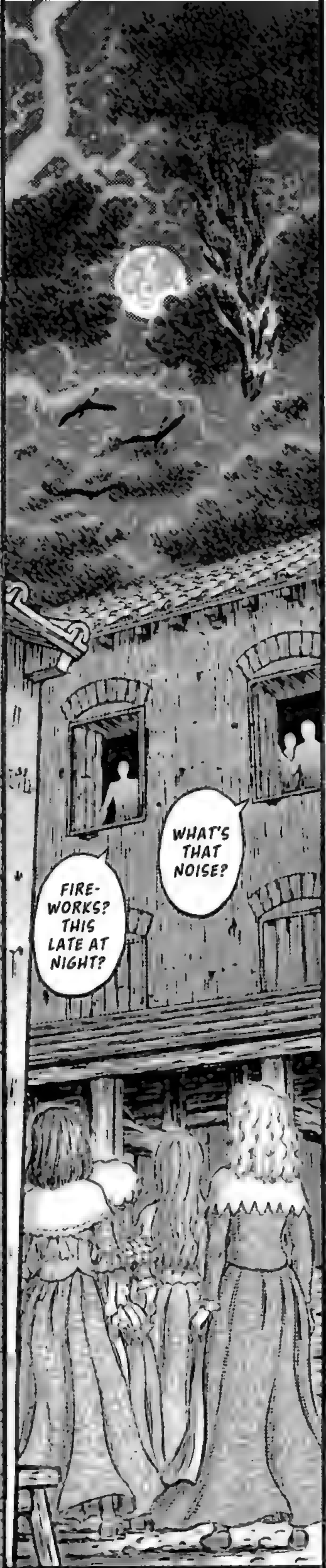




BOOOOM



TAKE
CARE,
EVERYONE.



FIRE-
WORKS?
THIS
LATE AT
NIGHT?

WHAT'S
THAT
NOISE?







B E R K

100%

100%

100%

100%

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上陸

LANDFALL



I
SEE
IT!

SHAAA

THAT'S IT!
ELF HELL!
SKELLIG
ISLAND!

OHHH!
MY
BELOVED
HOMELAND!

AWWW

AWWW



...WE
FINALLY
GOT HERE
SAFE AND
SOUND.

...ONE
WAY OR
ANOTHER...

SHOULDN'T
YOU THANK
HER FIRST?
WHOSE
HELP D'YOU
THINK--

HOLD
IT
NOW!

IVALERA!

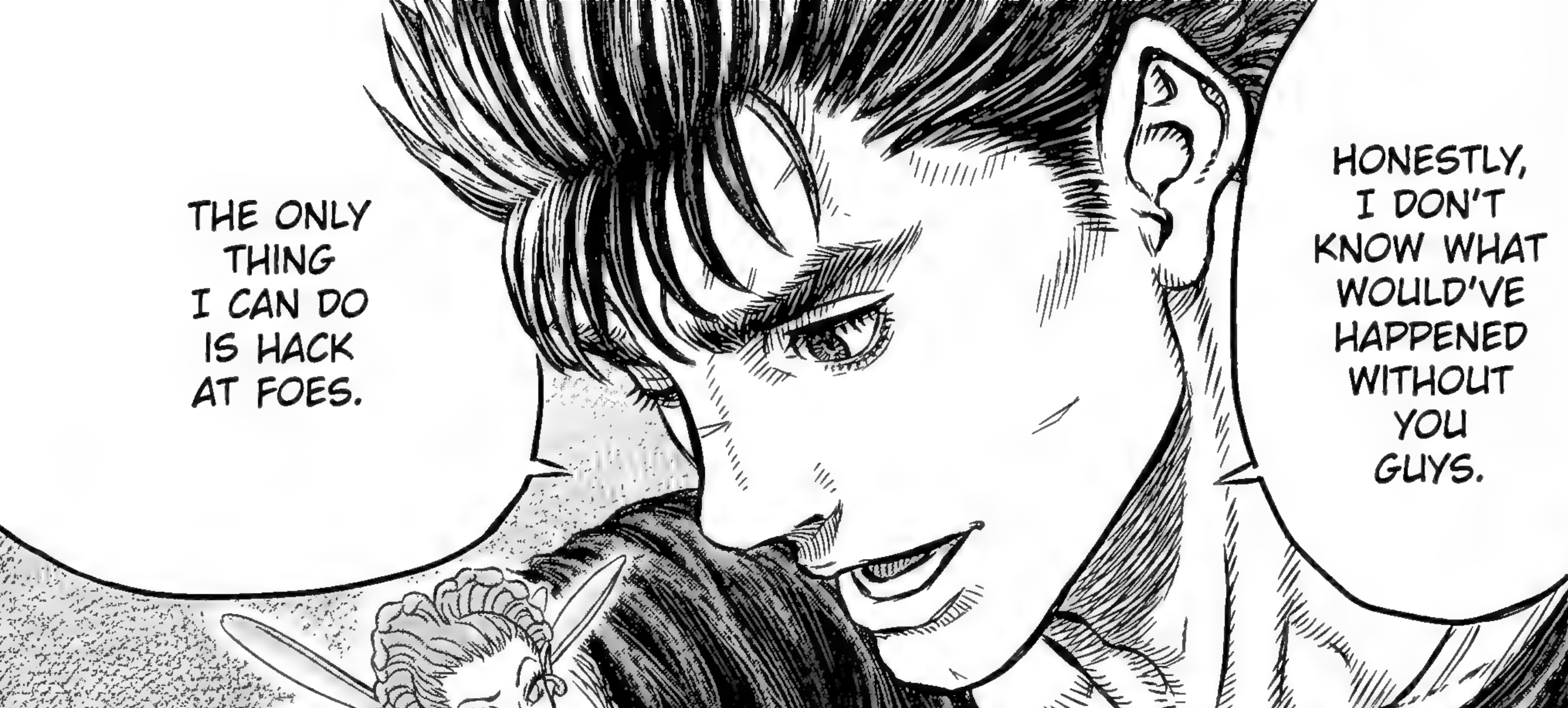
TRUE.

BOFF

WHATEVER
SAFE AND
SOUND"
MEANS,
RIGHT?

I APPRECIATE
THIS, CAPTAIN.
PIRATES, A GHOST SHIP,
SEA MONSTERS, AND EVEN
MERROW... IT WASN'T
A BORING VOYAGE.

HMMH...
I CAN
SMELL
PROFIT.



THE ONLY
THING
I CAN DO
IS HACK
AT FOES.

HONESTLY,
I DON'T
KNOW WHAT
WOULD'VE
HAPPENED
WITHOUT
YOU
GUYS.



...HARD
TO
GET.

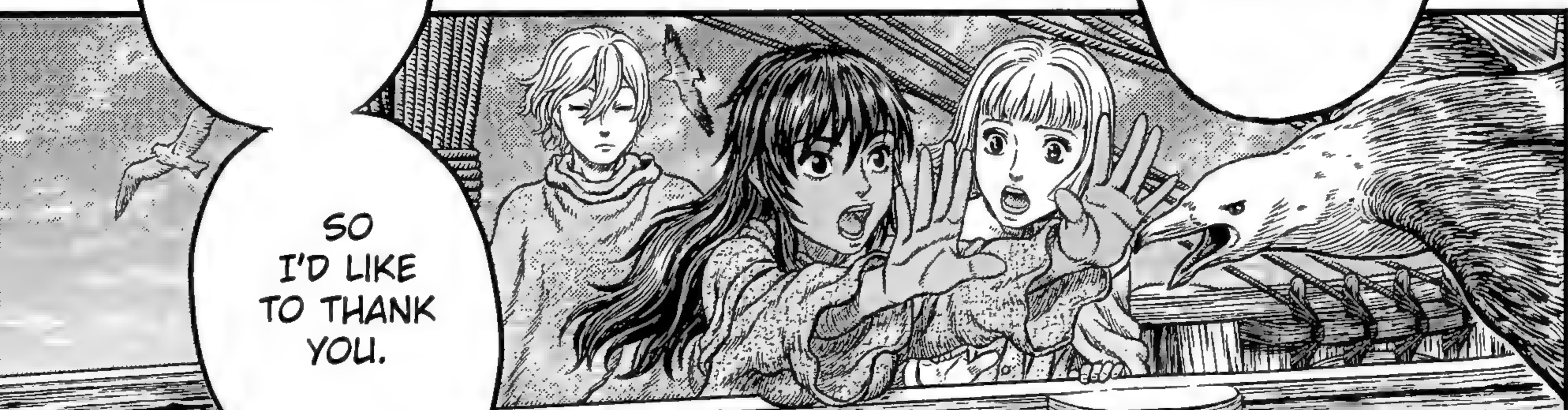
AT
LEAST
PLAY A
LITTLE...



HEALING
INJURIES...

IT WAS
MORE
THAN
I COULD
HANDLE.

LOOKING
AFTER
CASCA
WHILE
FIGHTING...



SO
I'D LIKE
TO THANK
YOU.



DOESN'T
MAKE
MUCH
DIFFER-
ENCE.

WANNA
KNOW?
NOT
REALLY.

WHY'D
YOU
LEAVE
THE
ISLAND?

PUCK.

HM?

YEAH
Y'KNOW,
YOU'VE
NEVER
SAID.

I'VE
MISSED
IT!

AHHH.
MY
HOME-
LAND.

...OF HOW
THE BRAVE
ELF PUCK SET
OFF ON HIS
JOURNEY.

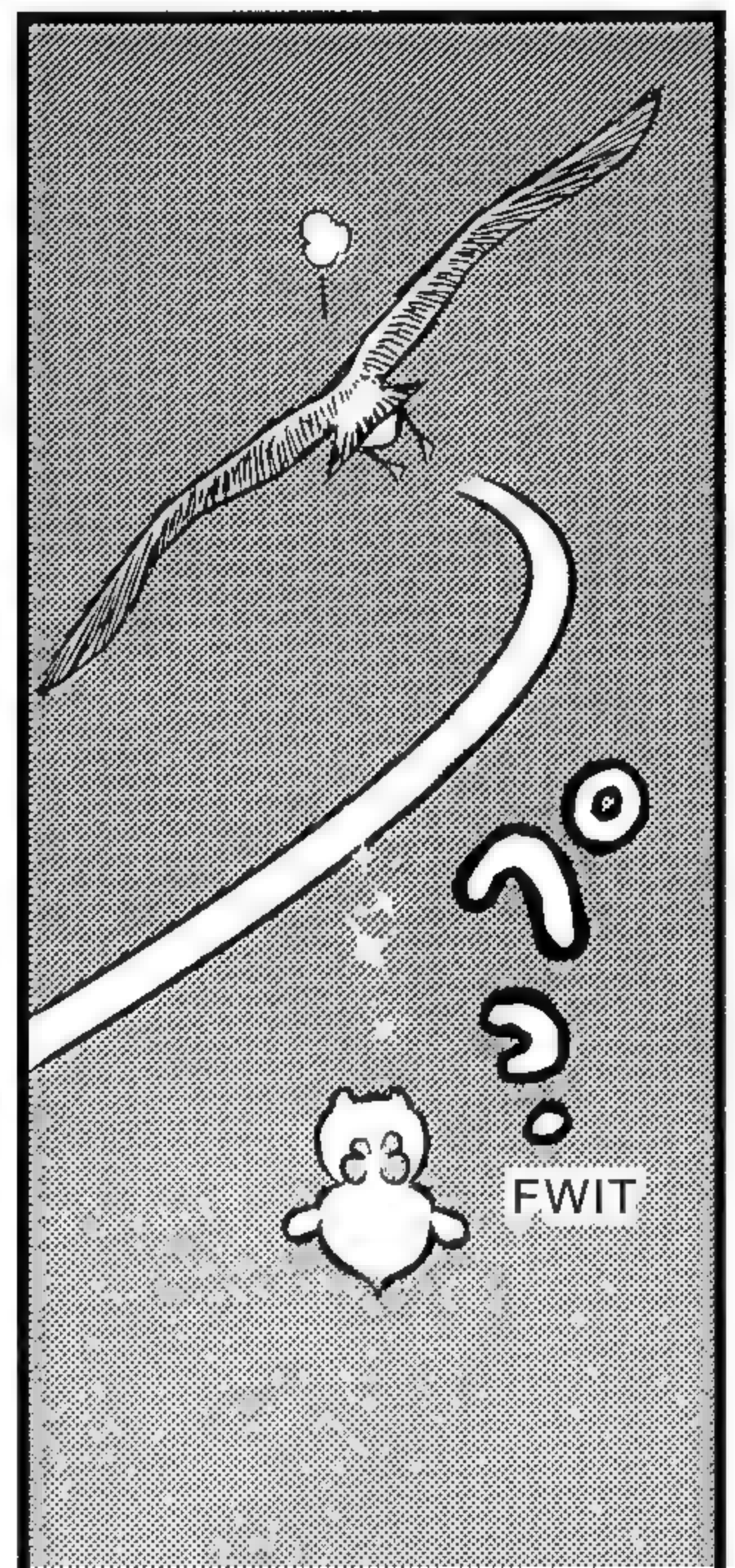
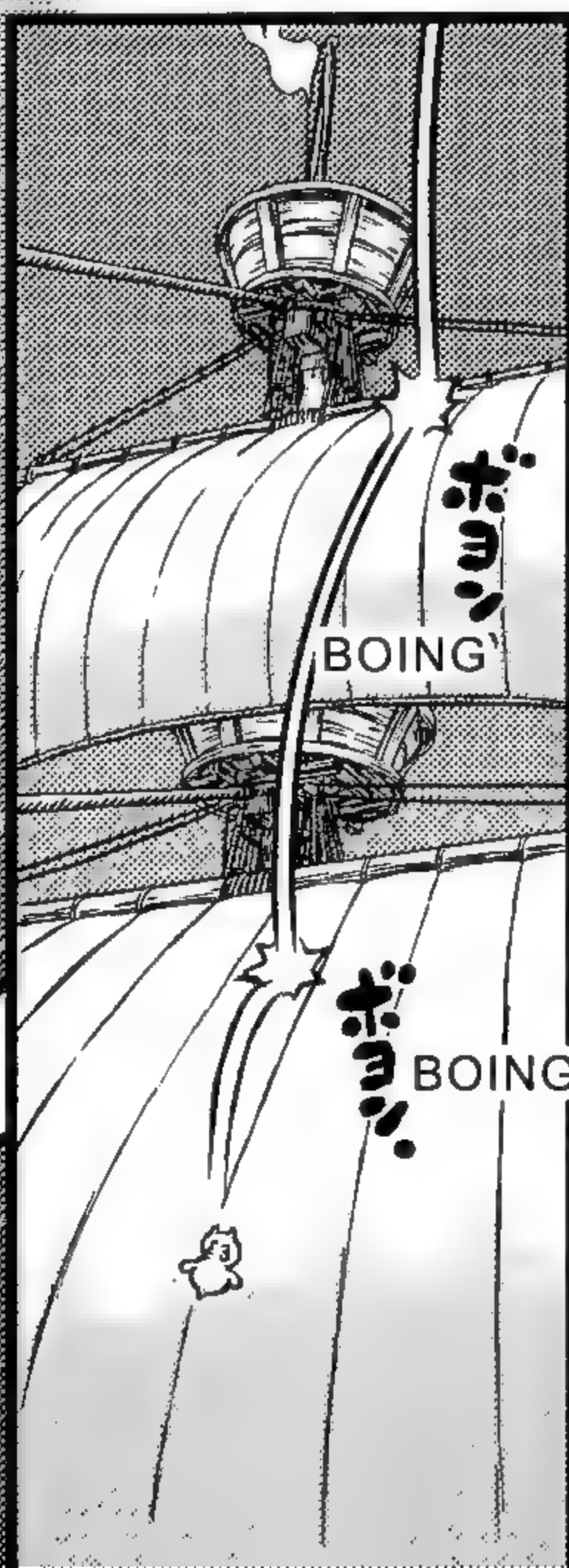
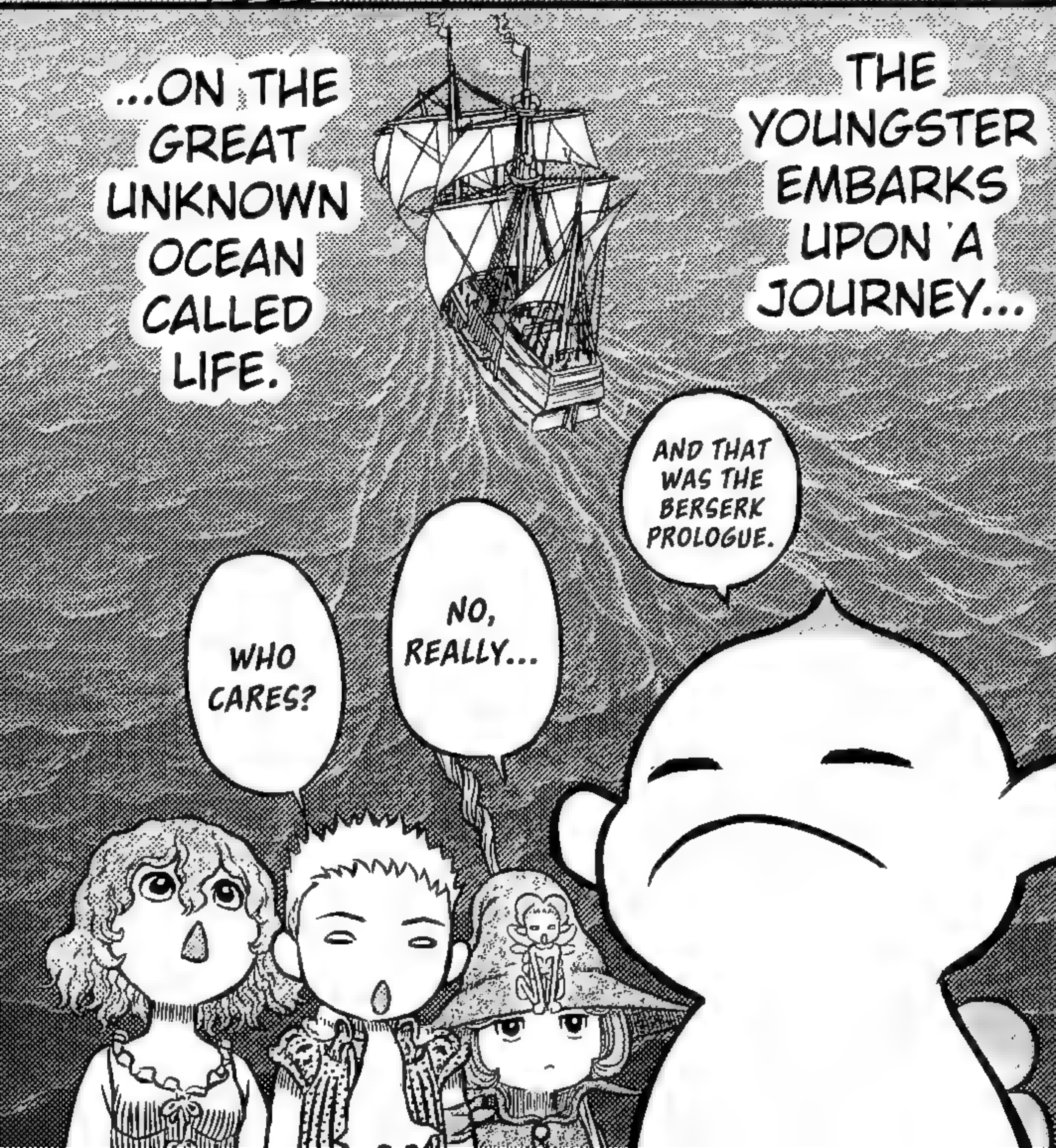
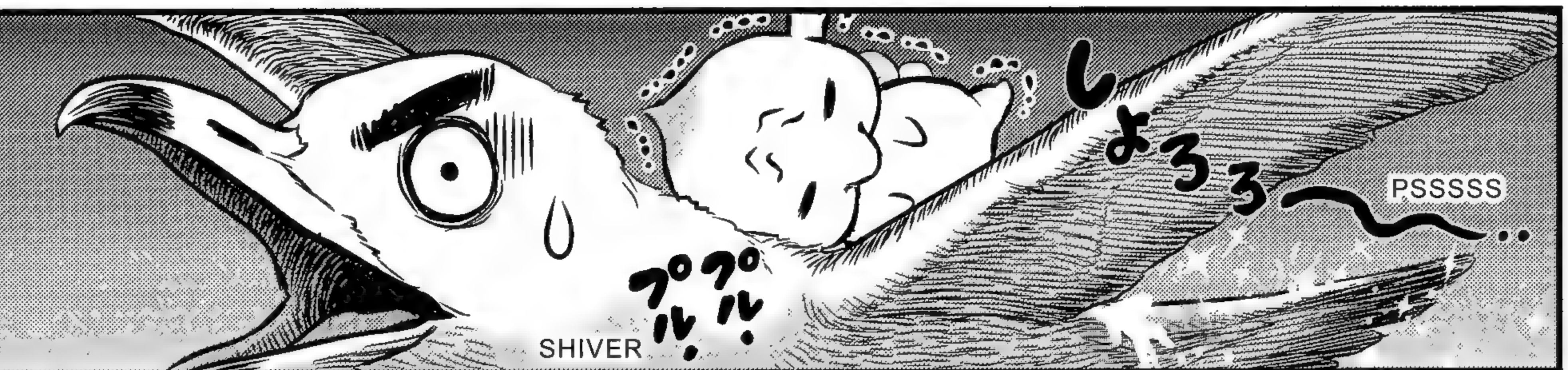
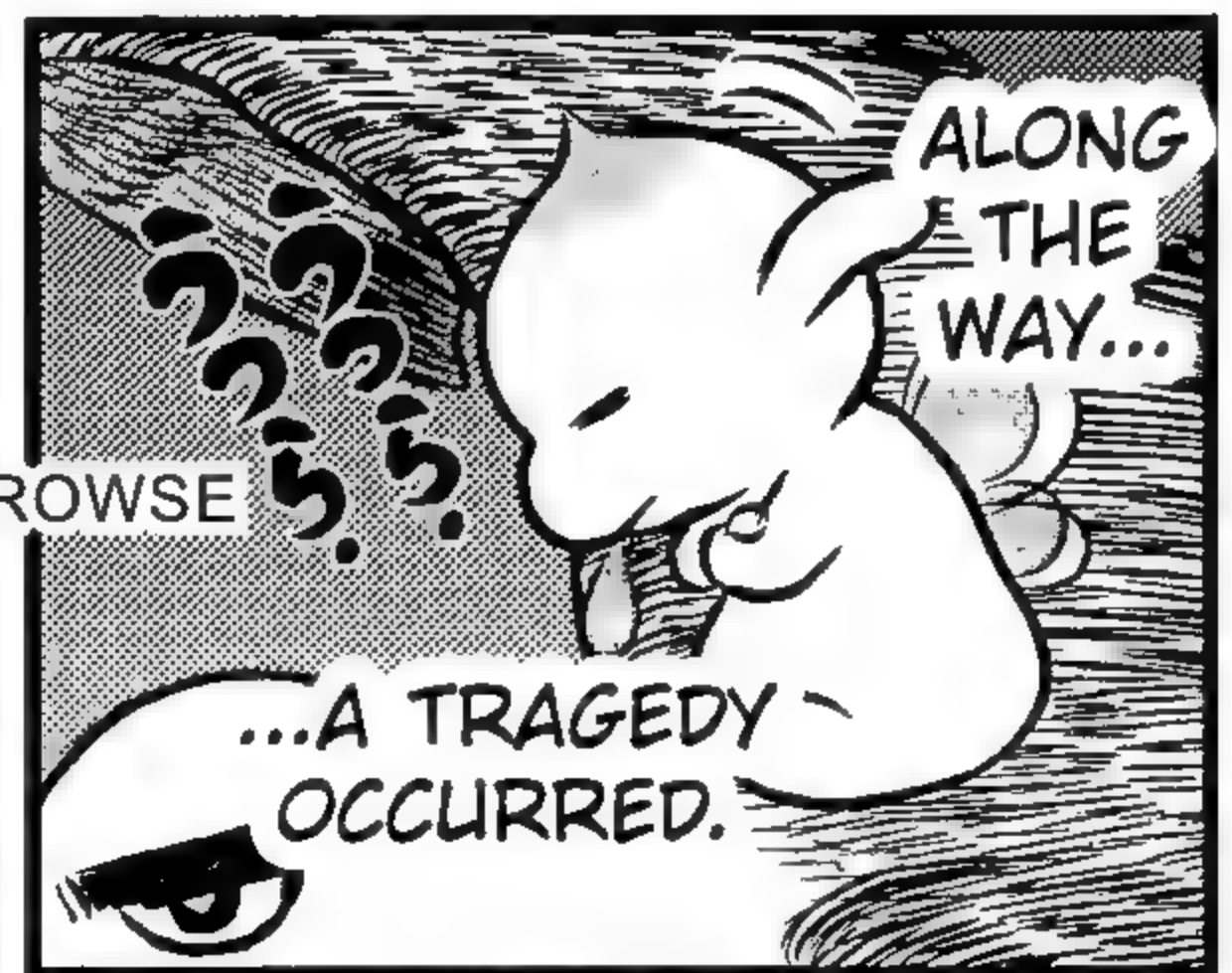
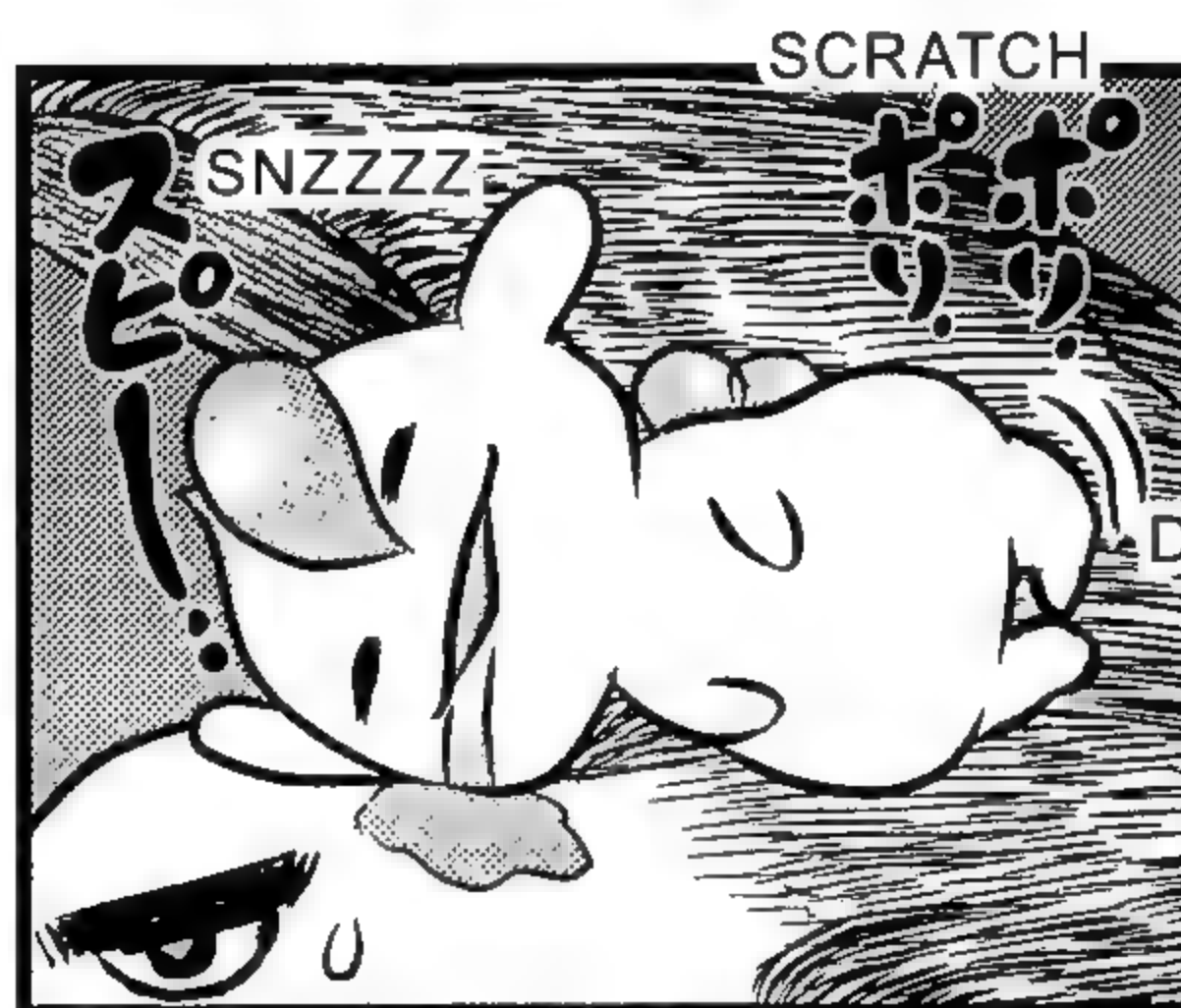
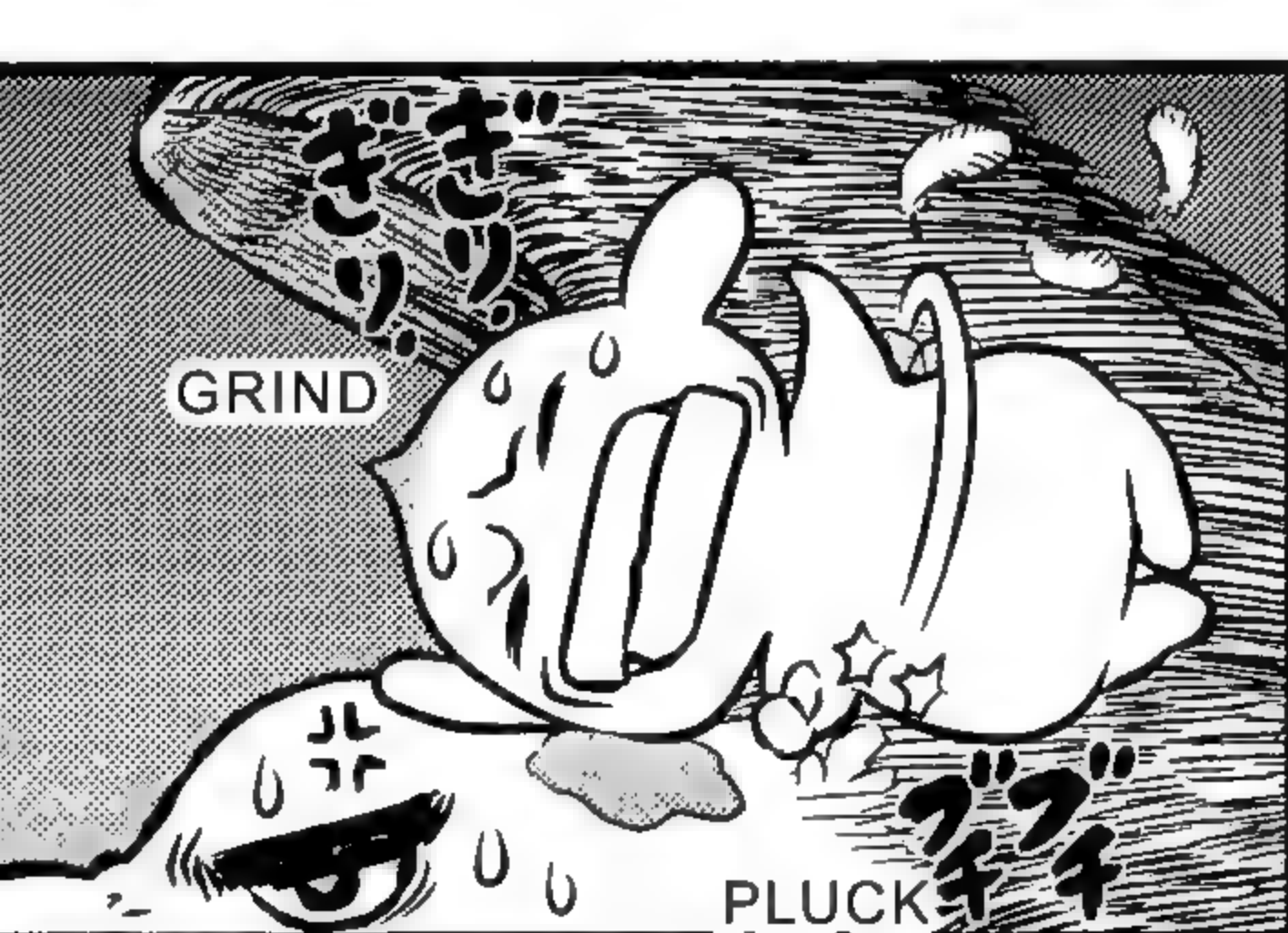
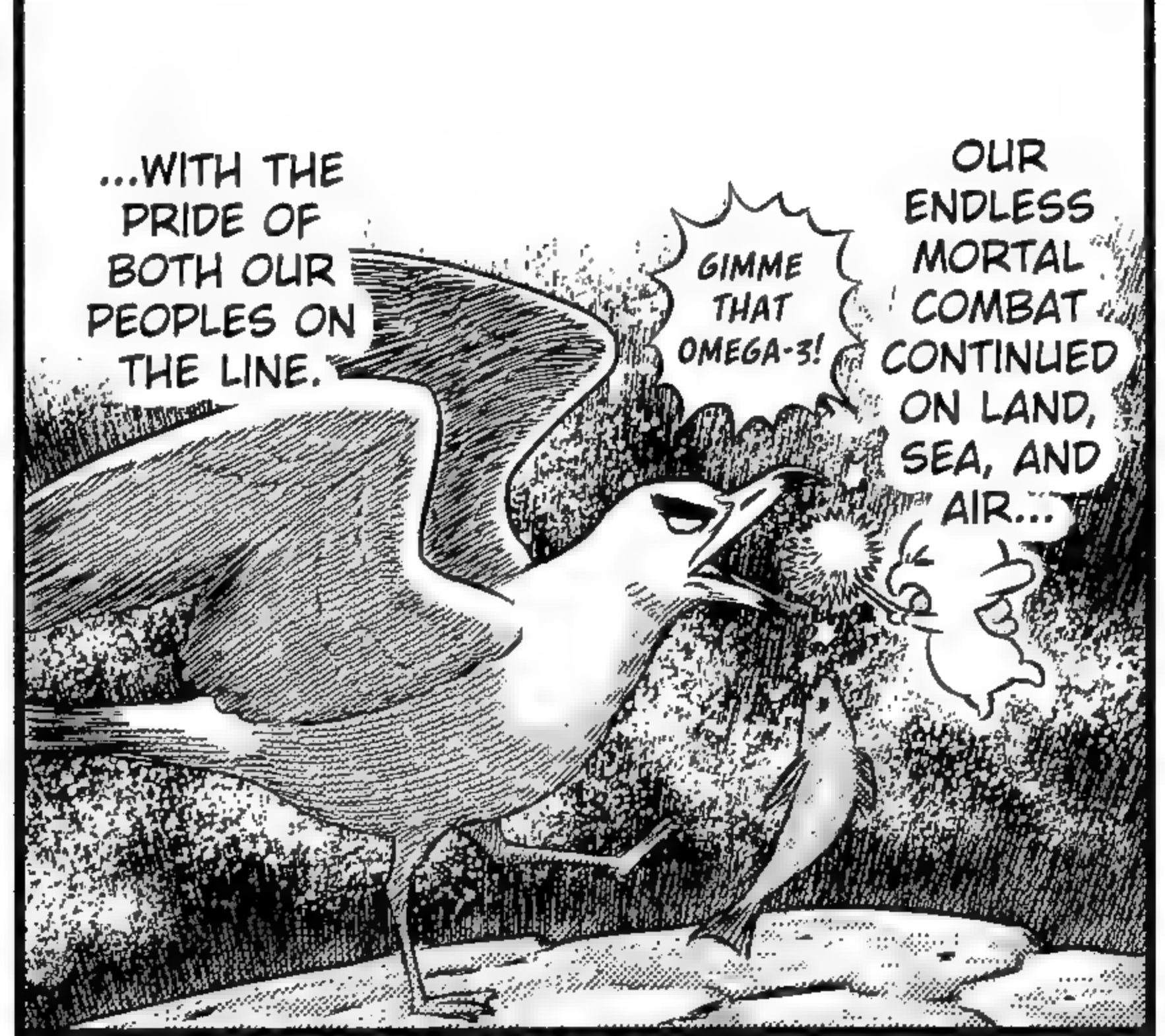
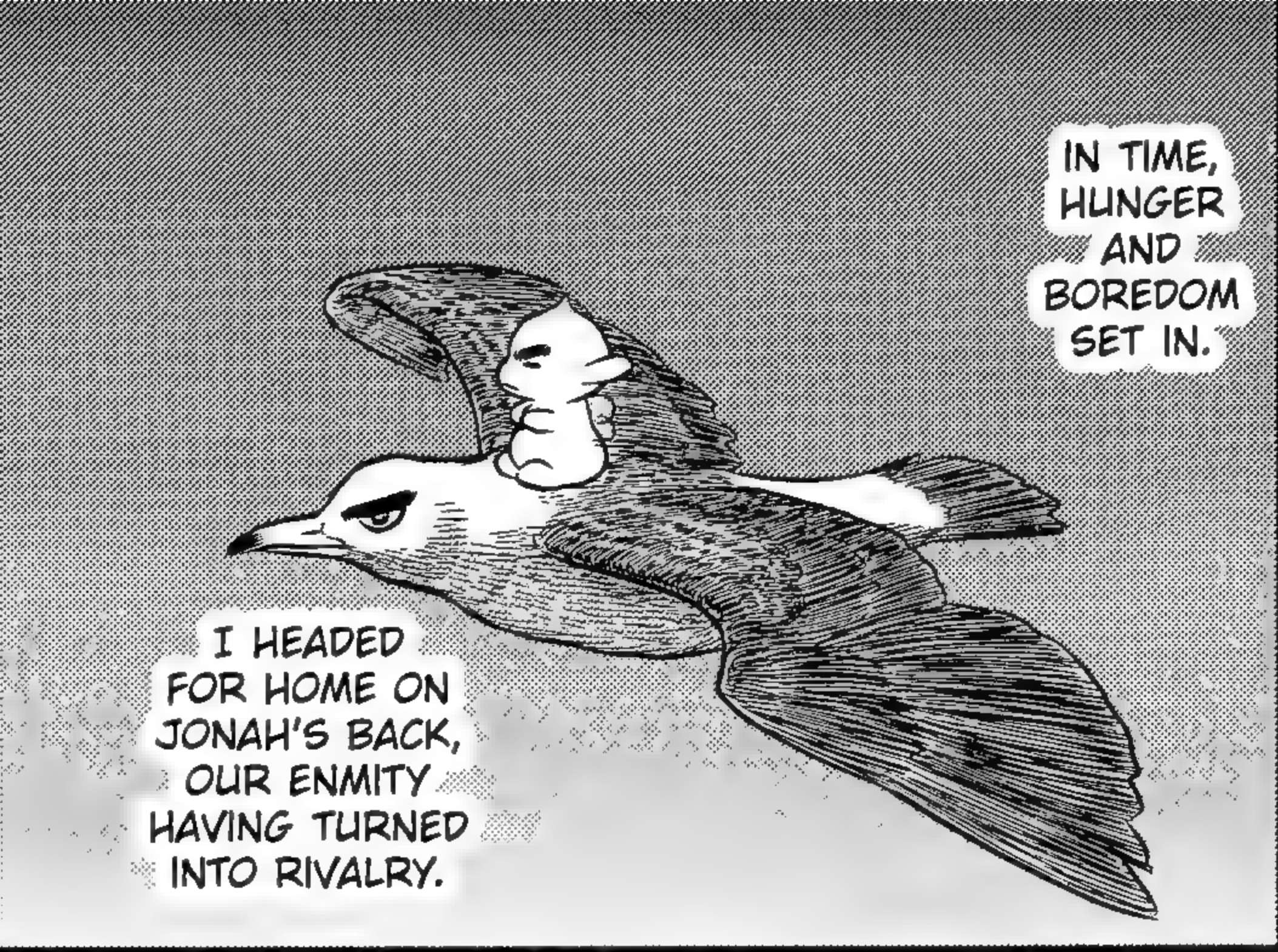
THEN I
SHALL
NOW
TELL THE
TALE...

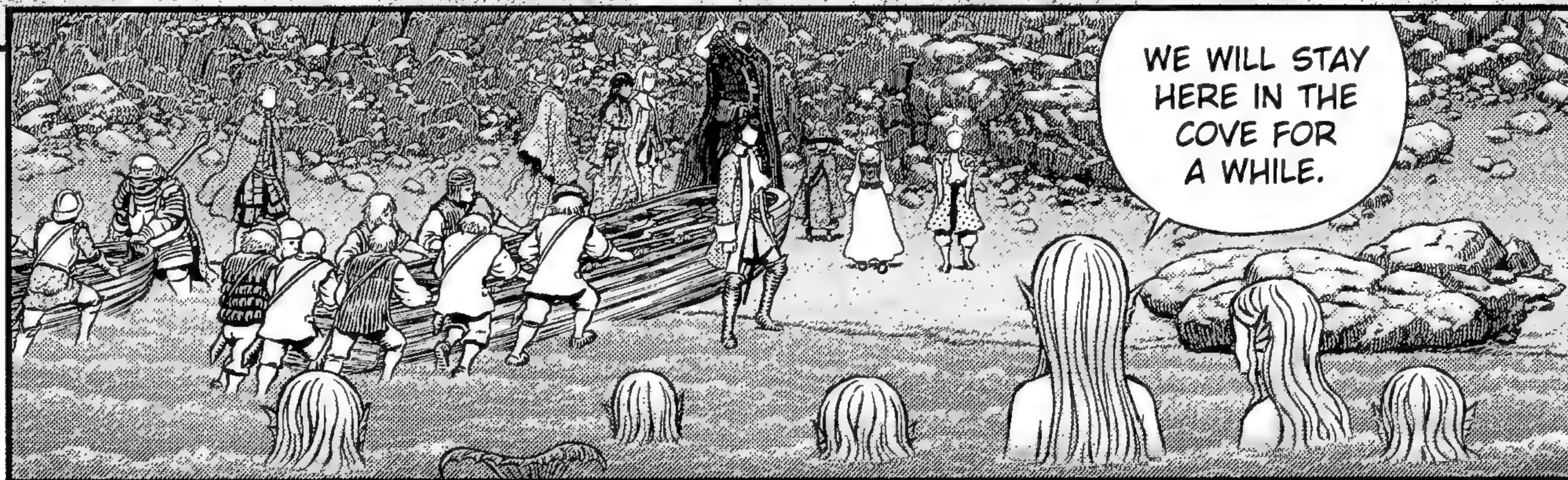
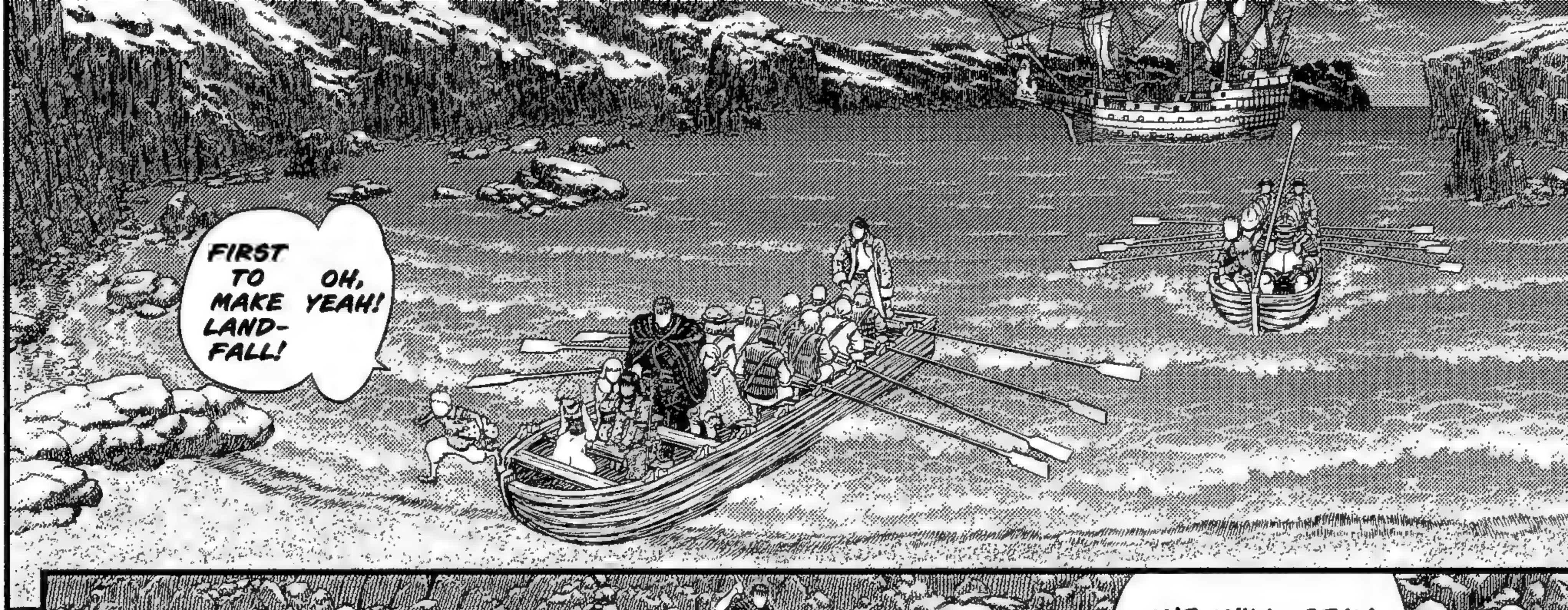
GREAT,
HERE
WE GO.

...WHO GOES
BY THE
ALIAS
"ALBATROSS
THE
MONSTER".

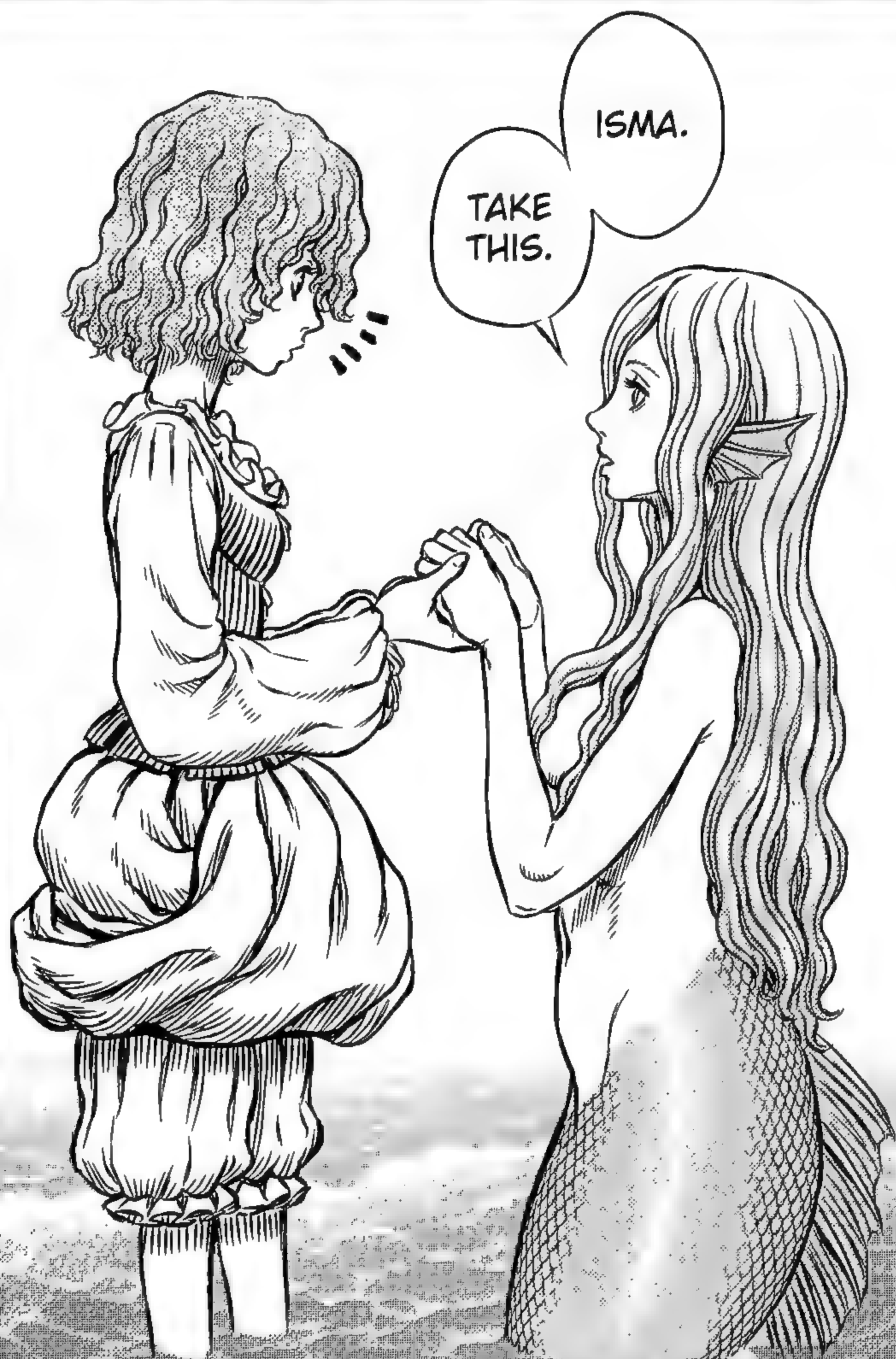
WHOA!
WHO'S
THAT?!

THAT DAY I
WAS FIGHTING
THE SEAGULL
JONAH, A
SEA BIRD
BOSS AND
THREAT TO
THE ISLAND'S
PEACE...





IF YOU WHISPER INTO THAT SHELL, YOUR VOICE WILL REACH ME. AND YOU CAN HEAR MINE IF YOU PUT IT TO YOUR EAR.

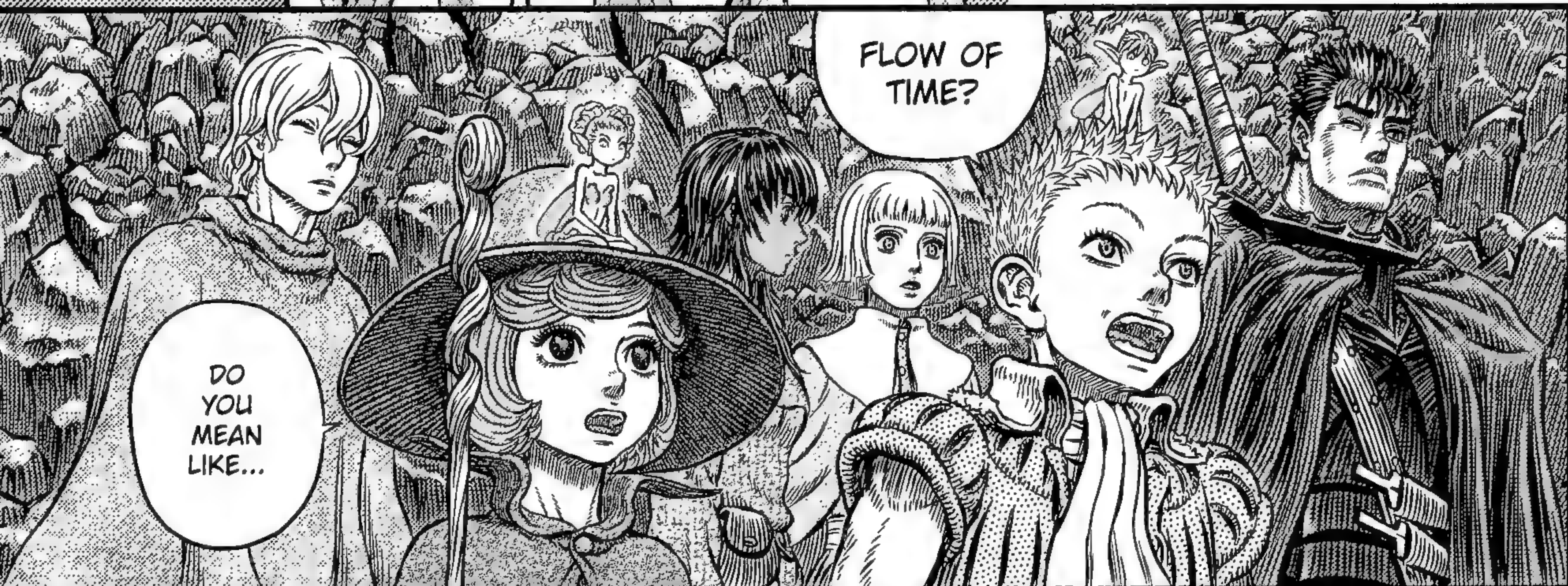


...IS
DIFFERENT
ON THIS
ISLAND
THAN IT
IS IN THE
OUTSIDE
WORLD.

THE
FLOW
OF
TIME...

...SOME-
THING
TO TELL
ALL OF
YOU.

AND
I
HAVE...



FLOW OF
TIME?

DO
YOU
MEAN
LIKE...

WITHIN THE COVE,
THE FLOW OF
TIME WILL BE
THE SAME.

SO WILL
TIME
ON THE
SEAHORSE
DIFFER
FROM
OURS,
TOO?

...IN FAIRY TALES, WHERE
ELVES LURE A CHILD TO THEIR
VILLAGE, HE FORGETS THE TIME
IN HIS ENJOYMENT, AND WHEN
HE RETURNS HOME, SEVERAL
DECADES HAVE PASSED IN
THE HUMAN WORLD?

...I
CANNOT
RECOM-
MEND
TOO
LONG A
SOJOURN.

HOW-
EVER...

AHHH,
I'VE
HEARD
OF
THAT.

...MEANS
BECOMING
CUT OFF
FROM THE
OUTSIDE
WORLD.

CONTINUING
TO STAY
HERE...

DID
YOU KNOW
THAT?

I BET
HE
DIDN'T.

NEVER
MIND...

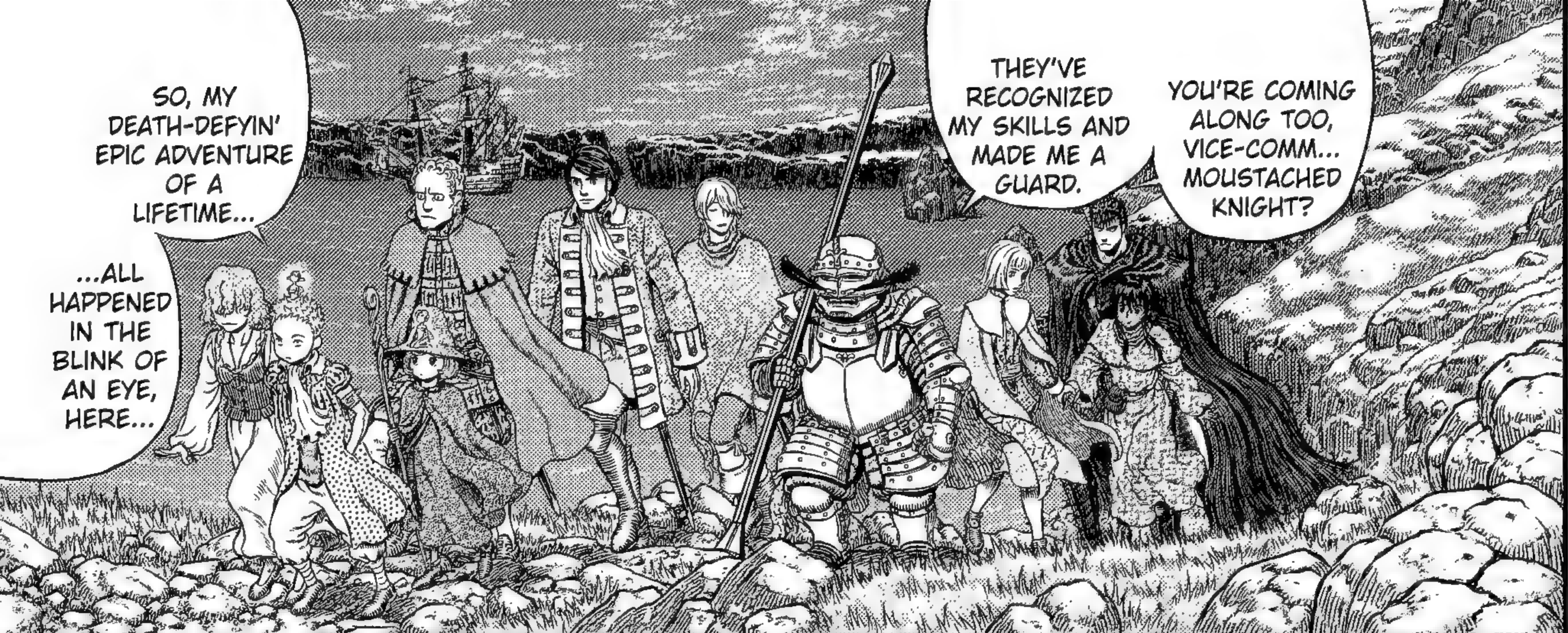
UH...

...HM?

...UM,
GUTS?

...WILL
YOU...

AFTER
YOU
BRING
CASCA
THERE..?

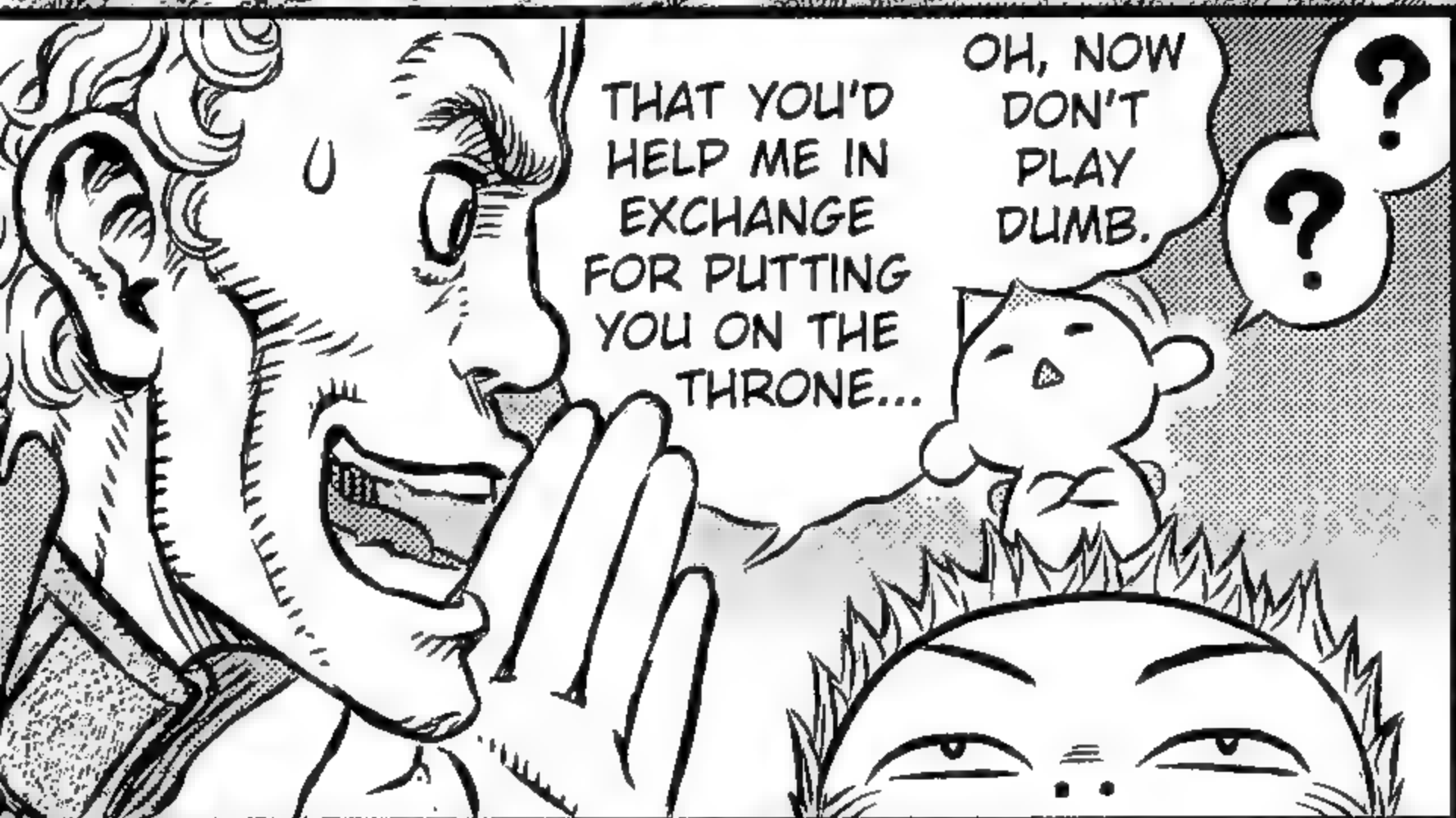


SO, MY DEATH-DEFYIN' EPIC ADVENTURE OF A LIFETIME...

...ALL HAPPENED IN THE BLINK OF AN EYE, HERE...

THEY'VE RECOGNIZED MY SKILLS AND MADE ME A GUARD.

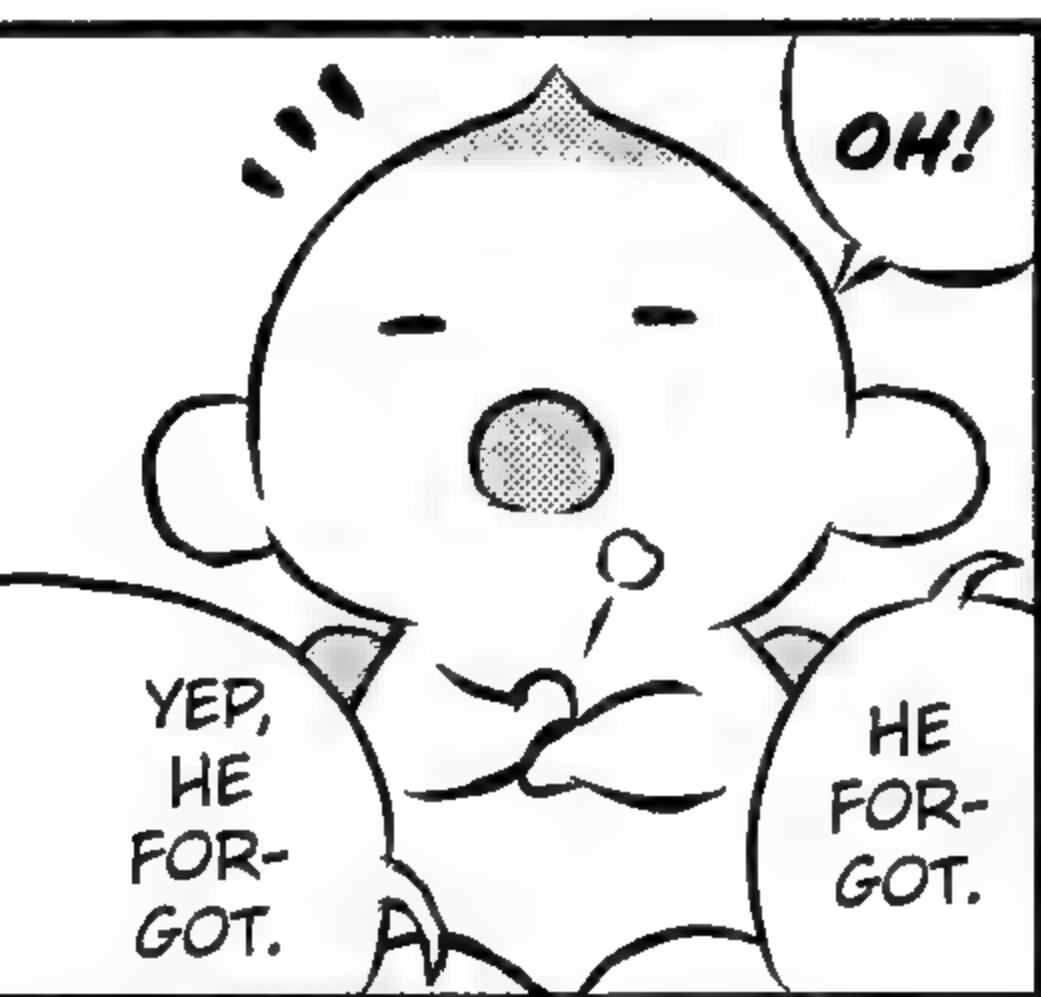
YOU'RE COMING ALONG TOO, VICE-COMM... MOUSTACHED KNIGHT?



THAT YOU'D HELP ME IN EXCHANGE FOR PUTTING YOU ON THE THRONE...

OH, NOW DON'T PLAY DUMB.

?



OH!

YEP, HE FOR-GOT.

HE FOR-GOT.



LISTEN, MISTER PUCK.

WHAT, MANI-HICO?

HM?

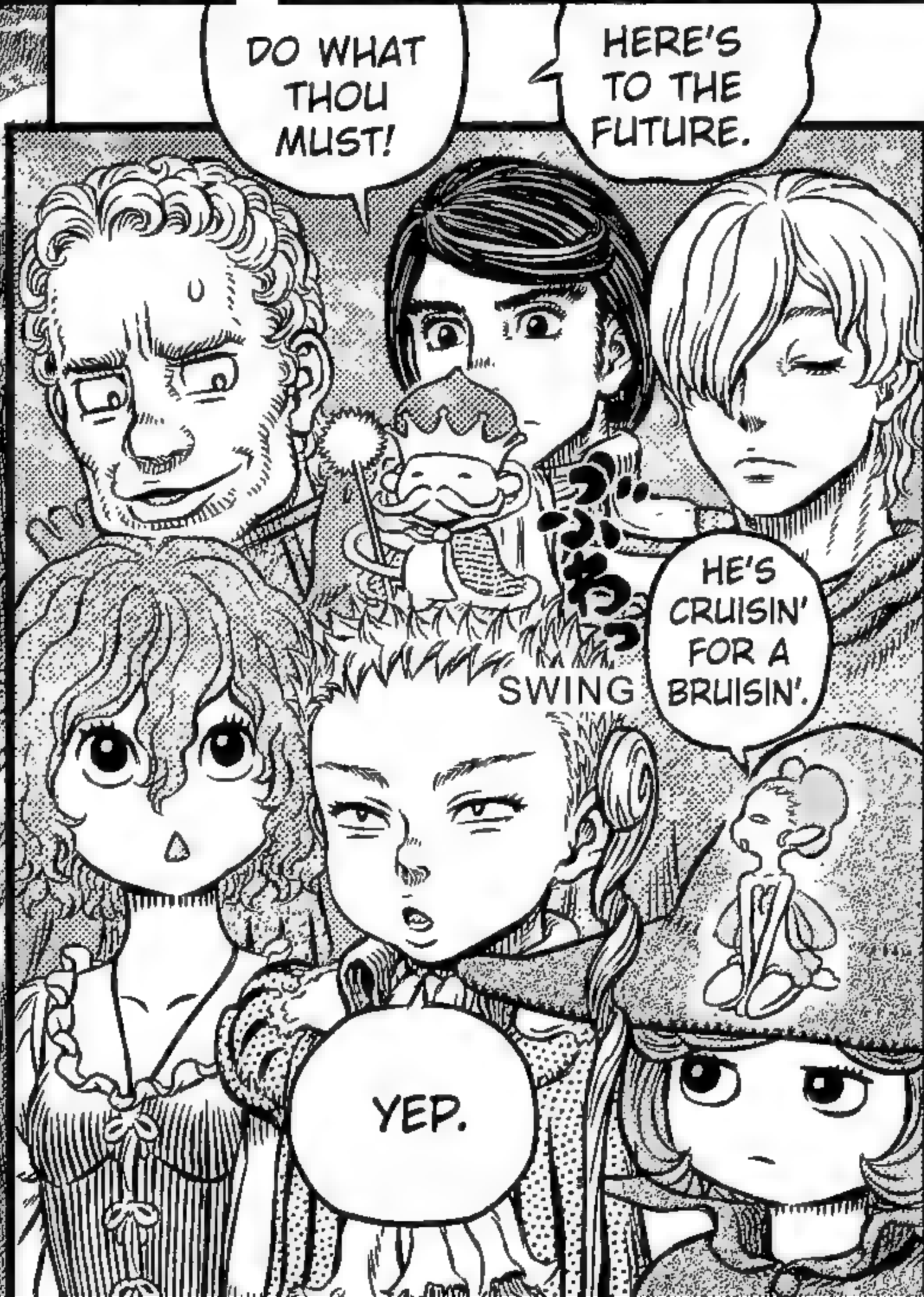
I LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR HELP WITH YOU-KNOW-WHAT.



I JUST CAN'T ACCEPT THAT!

LIFE IS BUT A SINGLE NIGHT'S DREAM.

ばいばい!
FLAIL



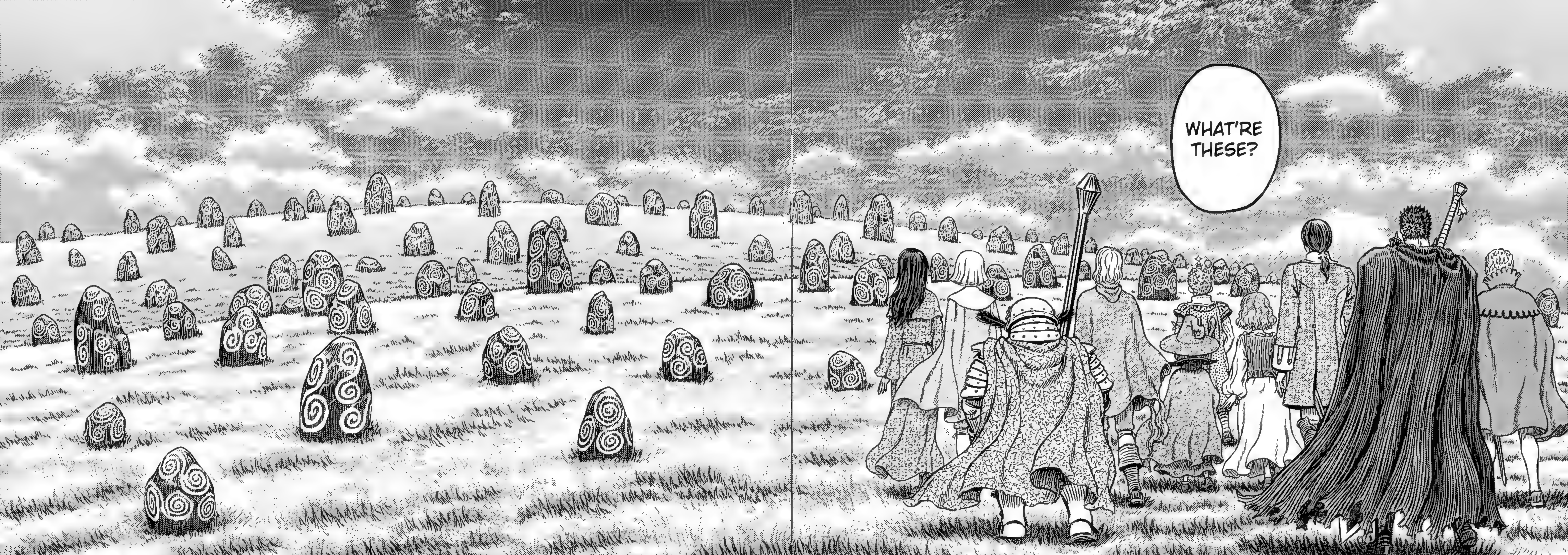
DO WHAT THOU MUST!

HERE'S TO THE FUTURE.

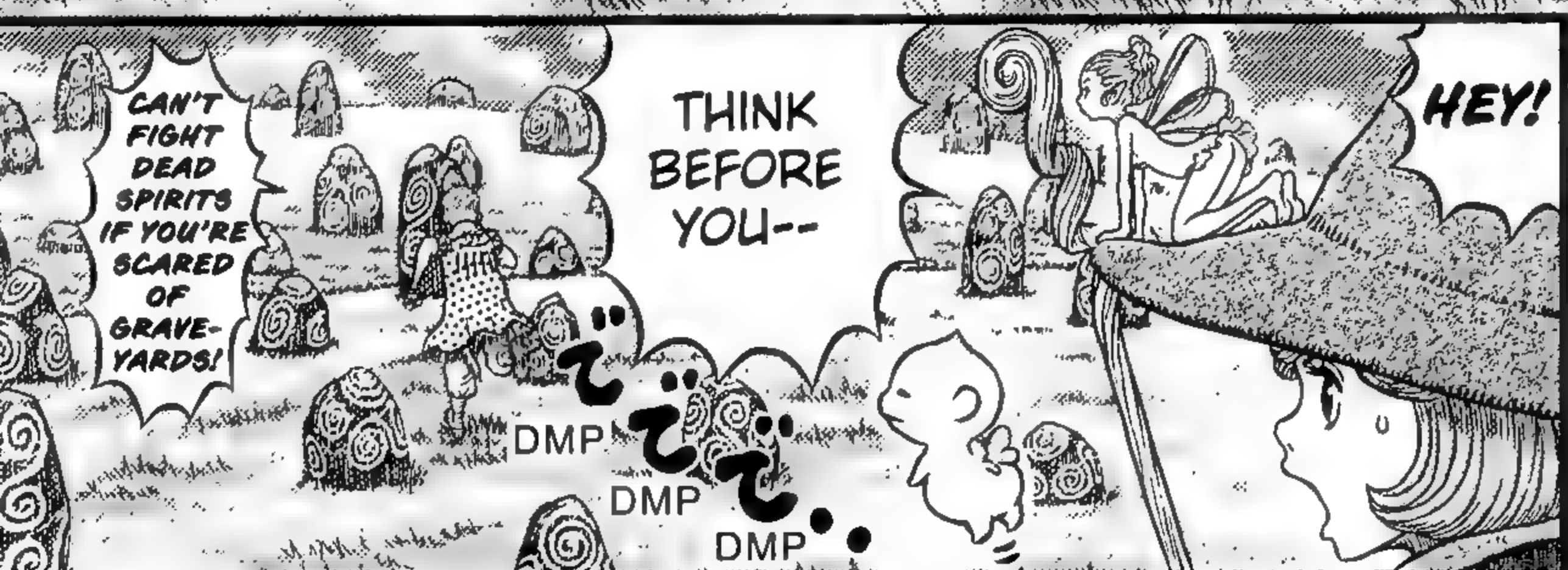
HE'S CRUISIN' FOR A BRUISIN'!

SWING

YEP.



WHAT'RE THESE?

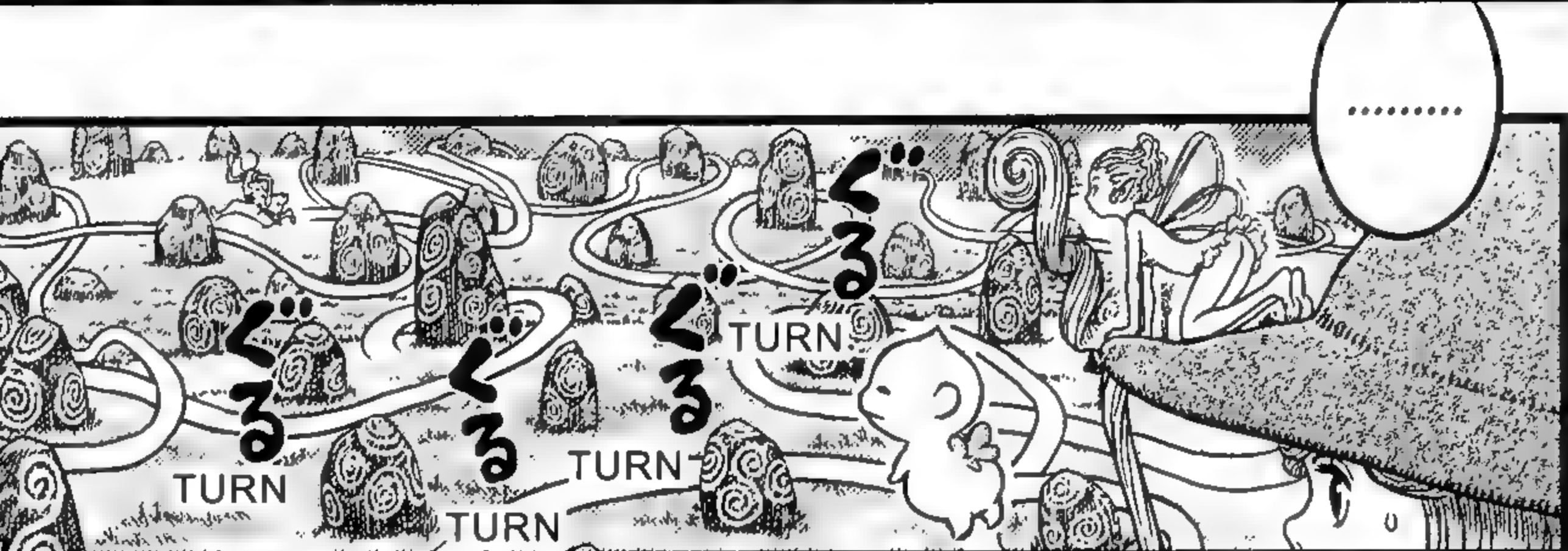


CAN'T FIGHT DEAD SPIRITS IF YOU'RE SCARED OF GRAVE-YARDS!

THINK BEFORE YOU--

HEY!

いぞいぞいぞ
DMP
DMP
DMP



TURN

TURN

TURN

WELCOME BACK.

AND BACK AGAIN.

ANHA?

STAGGER



AH!

DASH

WHO CARES ?!

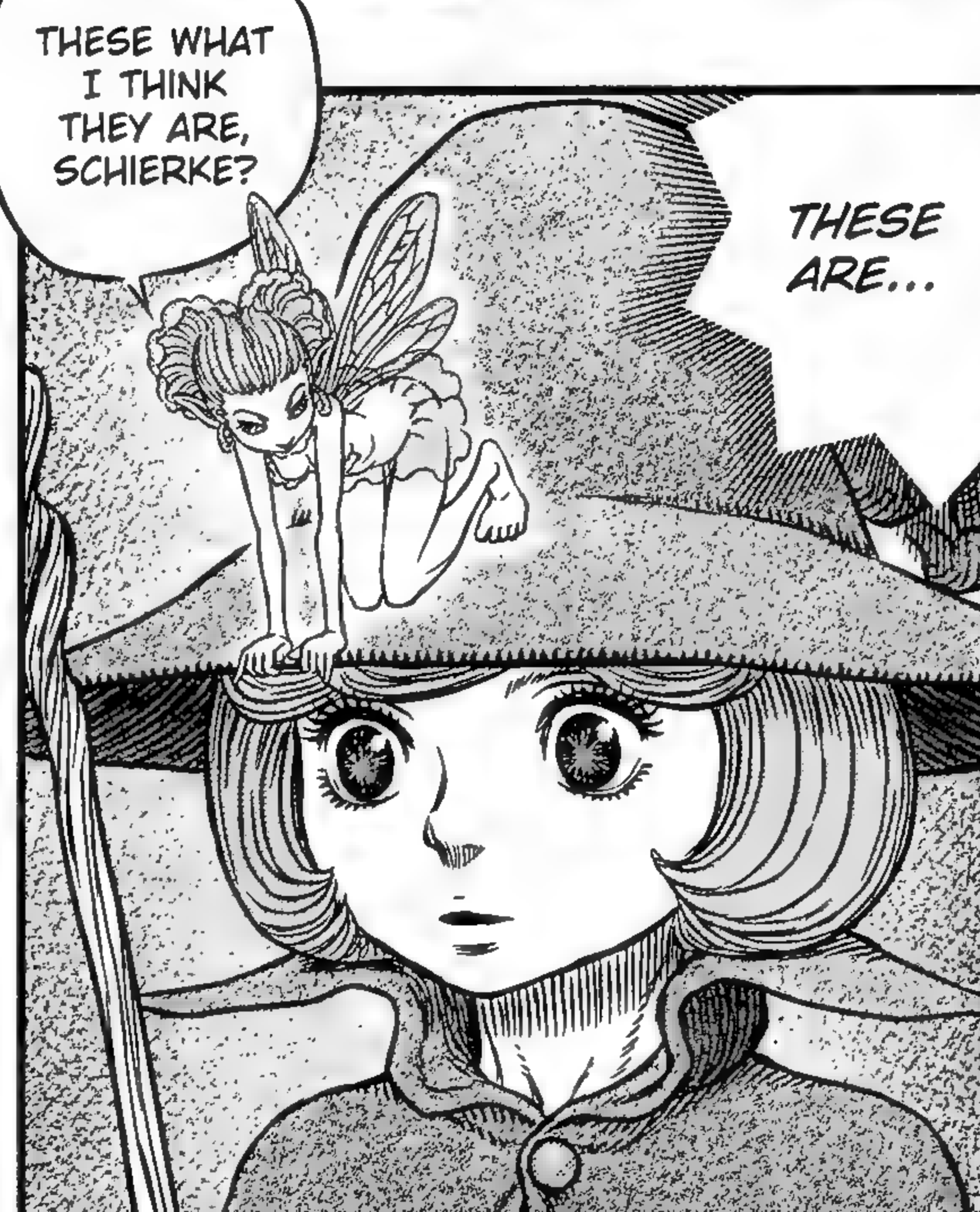
FEH!

JUST CHARGE RIGHT UP THIS HILL!



GRAVE-STONES?

STONES?



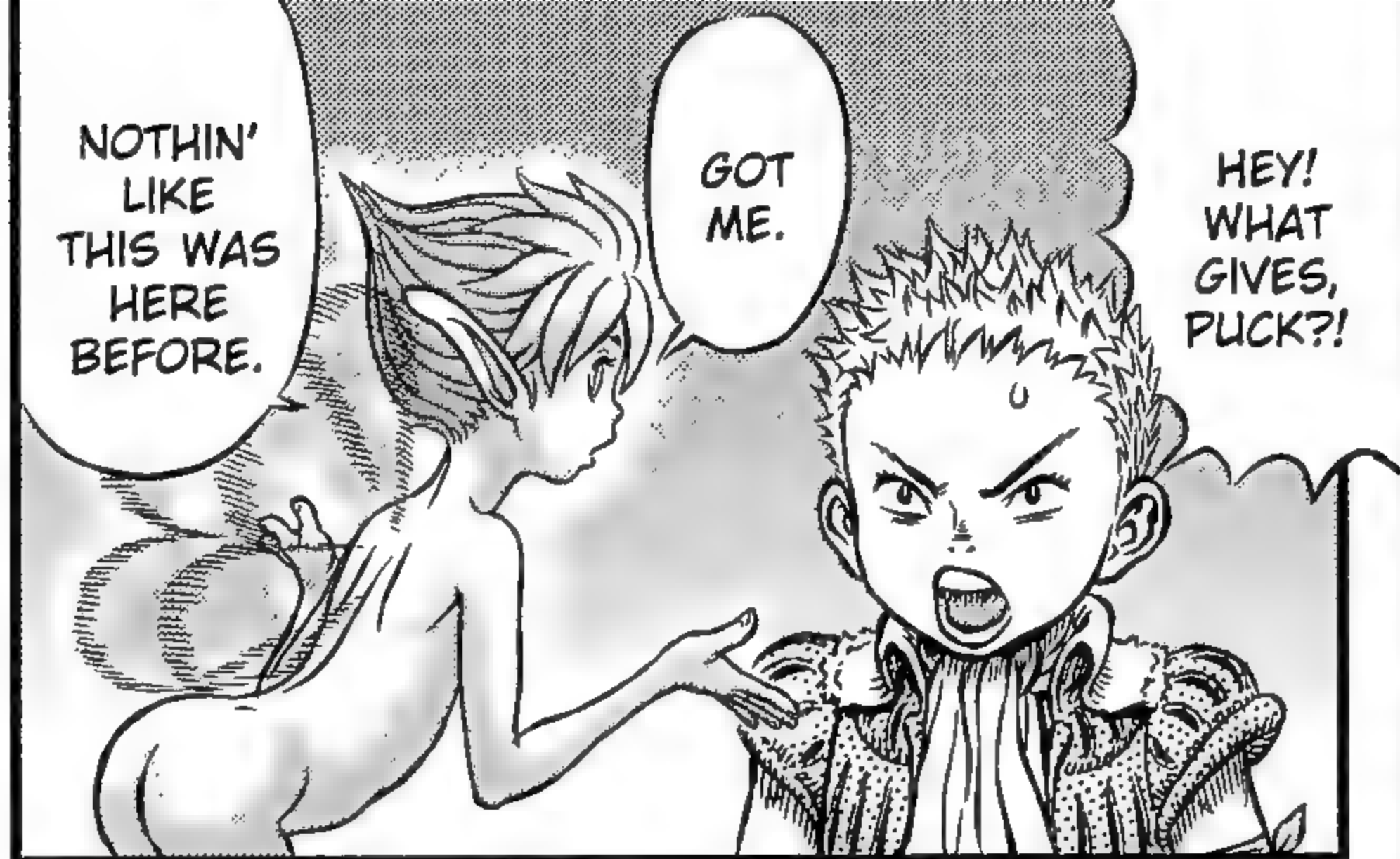
THESE WHAT I THINK THEY ARE, SCHIERKE?

THESE ARE...



WHERE HAVE I SEEN THEM BEFORE?

THESE PATTERNS.



NOTHIN' LIKE THIS WAS HERE BEFORE.

GOT ME.

HEY! WHAT GIVES, PUCK?!



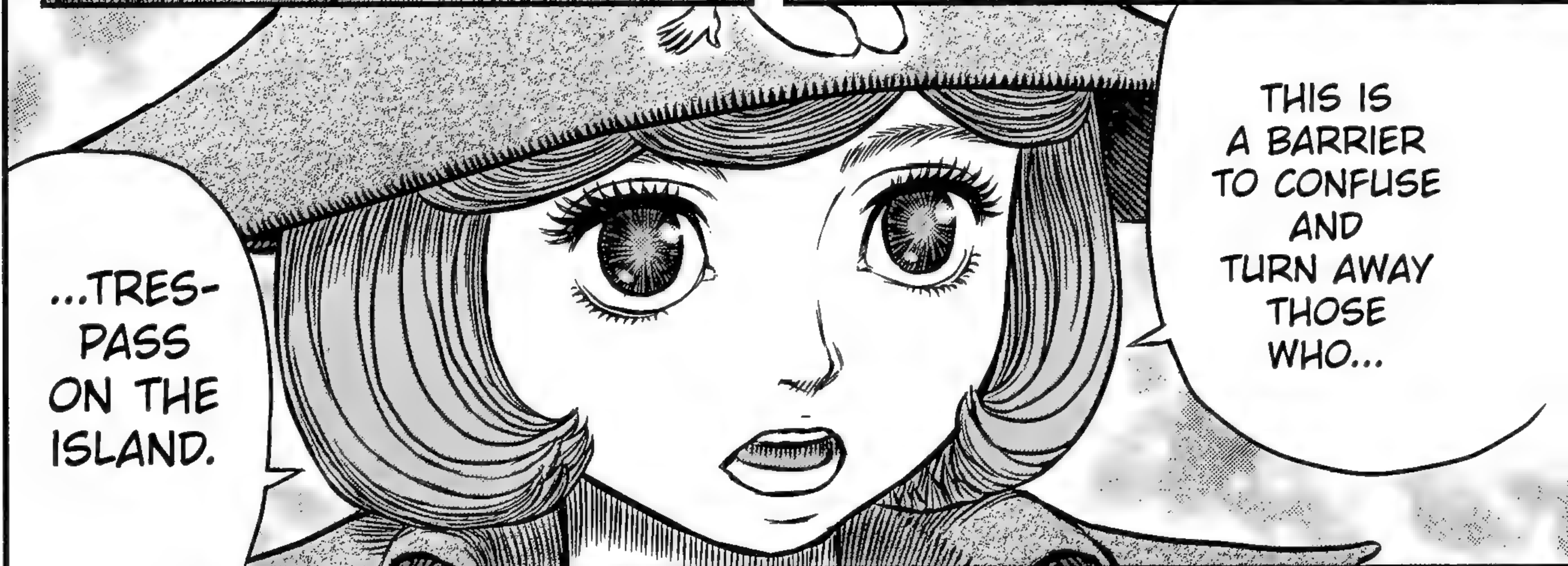
BUT I THOUGHT I WENT STRAIGHT! IS THERE A CURSE?!

WH-WHAT? I CAME BACK?!



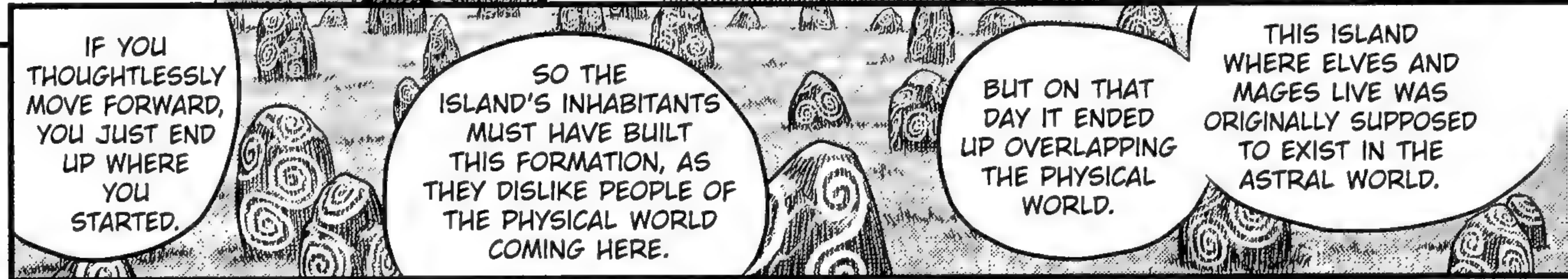
...IT WAS MADE AFTER THAT "DAY THE WORLD CHANGED."

CHANCES ARE...



...TRES-PASS ON THE ISLAND.

THIS IS A BARRIER TO CONFUSE AND TURN AWAY THOSE WHO...

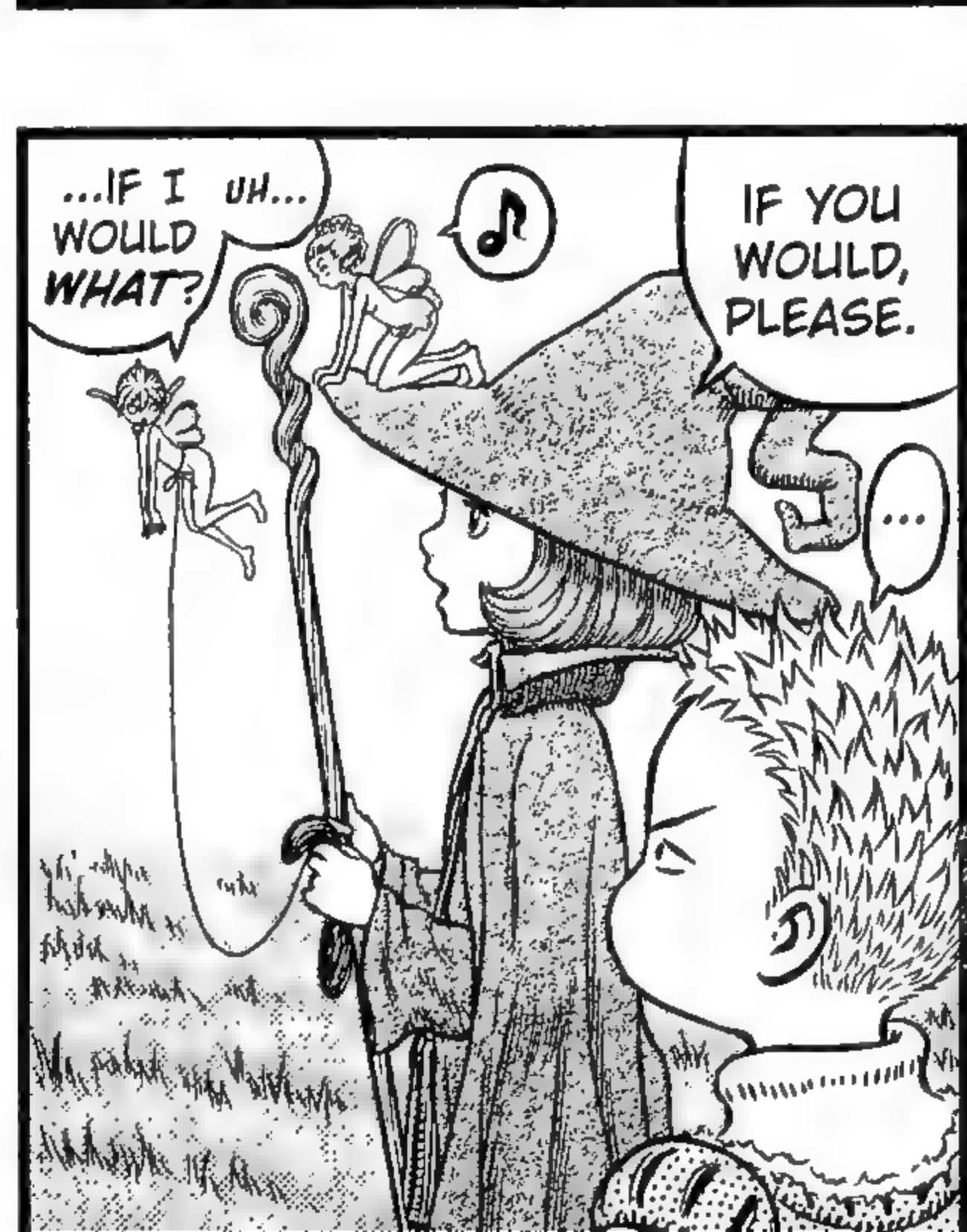


IF YOU THOUGHTLESSLY MOVE FORWARD, YOU JUST END UP WHERE YOU STARTED.

SO THE ISLAND'S INHABITANTS MUST HAVE BUILT THIS FORMATION, AS THEY DISLIKE PEOPLE OF THE PHYSICAL WORLD COMING HERE.

BUT ON THAT DAY IT ENDED UP OVERLAPPING THE PHYSICAL WORLD.

THIS ISLAND WHERE ELVES AND MAGES LIVE WAS ORIGINALLY SUPPOSED TO EXIST IN THE ASTRAL WORLD.



...IF I UH... WOULD WHAT?

IF YOU WOULD, PLEASE.



BZZZZZ



IT'S OKAY.

THEN WHAT NOW?! WE CAME ALL THIS WAY JUST TO STAND HERE?

PUCK.

HM?



SEEMS
JUST ABOUT
RIGHT,
FOR HIS
HOMELAND.

WELL.

WHAT AN
EXTREMELY
SILLY SIGHT
THIS IS.

SURELY
THIS IS
THE
PATH TO
PROFIT.

THIS IS
KIND OF
FUN!



.....

NO PROBLEM.
NO ORDINARY
HUMAN SHOULD
BE ABLE TO GET
THROUGH THAT
BARRIER.

PIRATES,
MAYBE?

HUMANS
HAVE COME
AGAIN.



NATURAL-
LY,
FOR A
NATIVE.

HMPH!

GOOD
JOB.

LOOKS
LIKE
WE'VE
GOTTEN
THROUGH.

**YOU
DID IT,
PUCK!**



THE
SIGHT OF
THOSE
SHOULD
SEND THEM
RUNNING IN
FEAR...!

IT'S
ALL
RIGHT,
WE STILL
HAVE THE
SCARE-
CROWS.



TH--

THAT'S
NO
GOOD!
WHAT'S
GOING
ON?!

THOSE
PEOPLE GOT
THROUGH
THE
BARRIER?!



...HUH?

A
FIELD?

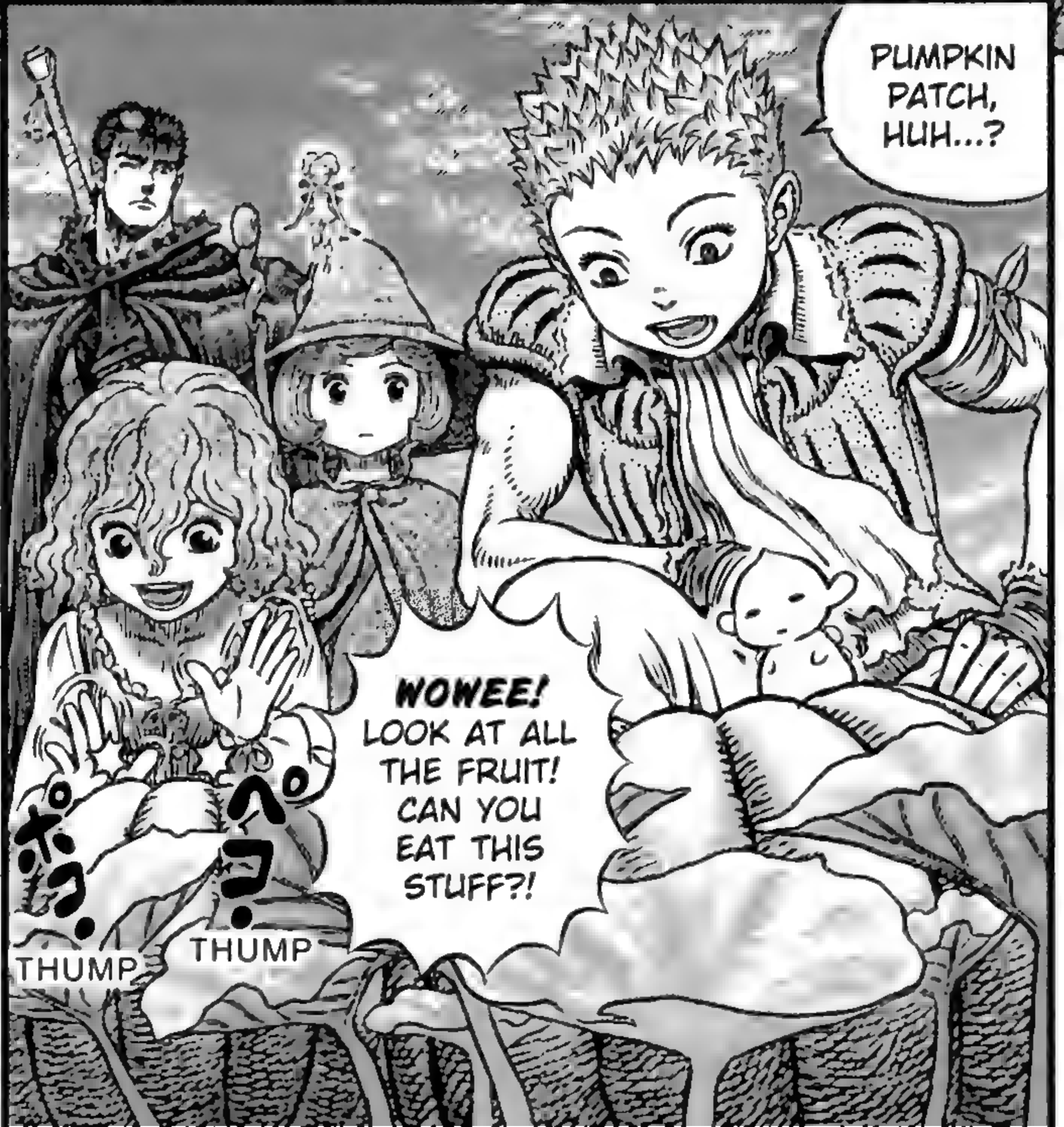


OKAY,
WHAT'S
NEXT?



WHAT'S
WRONG?

...UH,
OH.



PUMPKIN
PATCH,
HUH...?

WOWEE!
LOOK AT ALL
THE FRUIT!
CAN YOU
EAT THIS
STUFF?!

THUMP THUMP



YOWWW!



THEY'LL
ATTACK.

...IT'S NO
ORDINARY
FIELD.



THERE SURE
ARE A LOTTA
SCARECROWS,
THOUGH.

IT'S
DANGEROUS
TO GET
CLOSE.



HUHN?

I JUST
REMEMBERED.
THIS
FIELD'S
A MAGIC
FIELD, SO
IF YOU GO
TOUCHIN'
THE CROPS...



GET
OUT
OF THE
FIELD!

EVERY-
ONE!



SHF

SHF

SHF

HAVEN'T
I SEEN
THIS
PATTERN
SOME-
WHERE?!

DÉJÀ
VU?

SHF

WHOM

CHOOSH



BERSERK

**KENTARO
MIURA**

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Guts the Black Swordsman and company reach the isle of Skellig in hopes that Elven magic can heal the afflicted Casca, but the cure could come at a deadly cost. Meanwhile, Guts' Band of the Hawk comrade Rickert journeys to the city of Falconia, the seat of power for Griffith, the resurrected former Hawks commander. But the glittering towers of Falconia cast the blackest shadows, and a legion of demonic monstrosities dwell in the darkness!

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